

Dear Prospective Member:

We are deeply grateful for your interest in becoming a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, San Juan Capistrano. The purpose of this letter is to guide you through the process of completing the “Affirmation Form” and to eventually become fully engaged as an active member.

A word about the Affirmation Form...

When our group initially came together to explore more meaningful expression of church, we challenged ourselves to consider non-traditional methods for defining our organization and its relationship to individual participants. It was our intent to eliminate as much as possible any sense of boundaries or status between members and “nonmembers.” We wanted everyone to feel fully embraced and fully welcomed to participate and contribute in a way that was most meaningful to them. We concluded that membership in our church is best seen as an “affirmation” of one’s commitment to the teachings of Christian Science as well as the unique purpose and mission of our group, rather than the sense that membership as a statement of status or a level of “demonstration.” **So the form you’ll need to complete is titled: “Affirmation Form.”**

A word about the process...

The process of joining our church is designed to support your growth in taking this important step and to assist you in understanding some of our unique characteristics.

Here’s how the process works:**Step One: Obtain Prospective Member Packet**

The Prospective Member Packets are available from the Administrator or can be downloaded from the website: www.csinsanjuancapistrano.com

Included in the packet are the following:

- Affirmation Form
- Introduction to our Church
- Bylaws
- Prospective Member Info Form
- Prospective Member Interest Form
- Check list for Sponsor

Step Two: Submit Prospective Member Information Form RIGHT AWAY!

This brief form provides the Administrator with contact information so that we can keep in touch with you as you proceed through the “Affirmation” process. It is best to submit this form immediately upon obtaining the Prospective Member Packet.

Step Three: Complete Affirmation Form & Prospective Member Interest Form and return to the Administrator

In this step you’ll need to seek two current members to serve as your Sponsors. Their role is to discuss with you how our church works, its vision, and Bylaws. To complete this step you’ll need to obtain the Sponsors’ signatures on the Affirmation Form and submit it to the Administrator. Also, please be sure that you have resigned from any other church in which you have been a member.