

CHURCH OF CHRISTIAN KINDNESS

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COCK COVENANT

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Dear Brother or Sister,

Welcome to one of the largest organized faiths in the world.

As of this writing, COCK is a multinational Christian faith that boasts more than 1,000,000 members in almost every country on the planet. It is with this strength of membership that we are able to perform the deeds that have made us an organization on par with the Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the Church of the United New Testament.

We have come a long way since the single room church built by Reverend Abel Caine in rural Saskatchewan, Canada in 1875. We are far from the days of the sainted Thaddeus Solomon Barnaby, but we are still cut from the same cloth.

It is our policy of welcoming people into our hearts from all cultural backgrounds that has enabled our growth, and although we respect our cultural differences, there are some acts that we cannot allow to besmirch the reputation and spirituality of our church.

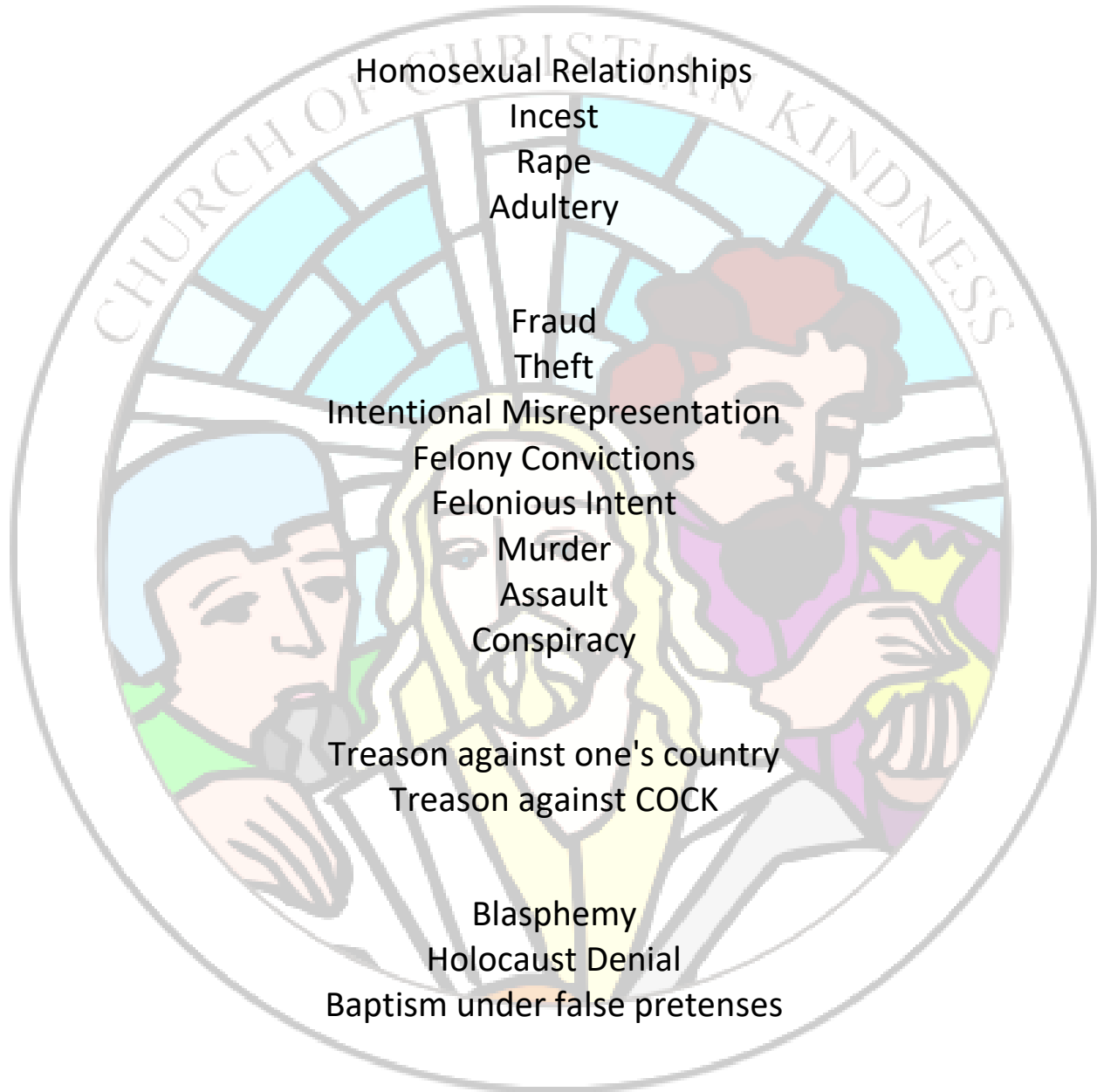
This short document details the actions that will cause your membership to be revoked. Please read it carefully.

Council Of Deacons

Assembly of Pastors

Church Of Christian Kindness

The Church Of Christian Kindness by order of the Council Of Deacons and the Assembly Of Pastors has deemed the following acts to be grounds for immediate revocation of membership. Any member found guilty of these acts by a joint decision by the Council of Deacons and the Assembly of Pastors will be immediately de-listed as a member of the Church Of Christian Kindness. Ignorance of this document will not be permitted as a defense.



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

We never ask our members to do more than the Bible clearly teaches and expects every Christian to do. These responsibilities are spelled out in the Membership Covenant as follows..

"Having been convicted of my sin and born into the Kingdom of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and having given witness to my faith through baptism. I hereby covenant under the power and leadership of the Holy Spirit to:"

- 1 - Strengthen my spiritual life through diligent Bible study and prayer.
- 2 - Guide and nurture my children (if any) in the faith by personal example and family devotions.
- 3 - Regard my body as the temple of the Holy Spirit and to discipline myself accordingly.
- 4 - Cultivate Christian kindness, patience and forgiveness, and to guard one another's reputation, avoiding all gossip.
- 5 - Pray for and encourage one another regularly.
- 6 - Care for one another faithfully in times of sickness and distress.
- 7 - Give my Church a place in my affections and prayers above other organizations, seeking growth both personally and corporately in knowledge and holiness.
- 8 - Attend faithfully the worship and other meetings of my Church and to participate regularly in training opportunities which it provides.
- 9 - Give willingly, generously and joyously of my time and talent to support and advance the work of the Kingdom of God.
- 10 - Seek the salvation of my family, friends, neighbours and others with whom I have contact, and to be an example to them by what I do and say.
- 11 - Unite with another Church as soon as possible, where I can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and the principles of God's Word, if ever God should lead me from this place

RULES OF COCK MEMBERSHIP

- 1 - Any debate or difference that may arise in the Church shall be settled by the majority of the members present, and voting, at a meeting; that is, the greatest number voting shall decide.
- 2 - Any member knowing another to act disorderly shall go to the offending brother or sister, and tell him or her his or her fault alone; and if not satisfied with the explanation, shall acquaint the Deacons of COCK with the same; and if any member neglect to do so, and be found reporting it to others, such member shall be visited and reprov'd as acting contrary to the rule laid down in the Scriptures.
- 3 - Any member bringing, in any manner, an open reproach on the cause shall be suspended, and, after being so suspended for that or any other reason, shall make a proper acknowledgment of the same to the Church and manifest godly sorrow and repentance to the satisfaction of the Church, before being again admitted to enjoy its ordinances and privileges.
- 4 - When any question has been decided by the Council Of Deacon or the Assembly of Pastors, if any member shall attempt to set aside or oppose the same decision within six months afterwards, such member shall be accounted as acting disorderly and contrary to the first rule of this Church.
- 5 - Any member relating to any other person not a member what has been said or done at any Church Meeting shall be liable to be brought before the Council Of Deacon or the Assembly of Pastors, according to the judgment of the Council Of Deacon or the Assembly of Pastors, and to be dealt with according to the decision of the Council Of Deacon or the Assembly of Pastors as in Rule (1).
- 6 - No member or members shall bring any private difference before the Church which has taken place between themselves, nor any fault that any member may have committed against another, before the rules laid down in Matthew 18 verses 15 and 16, be first attended to by the offended party; and after those rules have been attended to, that the peace of the Church may be as much as possible preserved, the offended party shall first inform the Deacons assembled; but if not satisfied with his or their mediation or decision, the member, if supported by two other members, shall be at liberty to bring the case before the Council Of Deacon or the Assembly of Pastors, by giving one month's notice in writing to the Council Of Deacon or the Assembly of Pastors.