

Chesapeake Pagan Community

Membership Application

** Indicates Information Required for Acceptance*

* Legal Name: _____

Alternative Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Phone: _____

* E-Mail: _____

May we list your name in our membership directory? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the name you would like to use. Legal Alternative

Would you like to join our e-mail group? Yes No

Membership Requirements

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- File an application with the Corporation Secretary.
- Applicants seeking a Voting Membership must have their application endorsed by two members of the Corporation. This is not required for anyone seeking a Supporting (Non-Voting) Membership.
- Endorse the Corporation's Code of Honor, Vision Statement and Definition of Pantheism.
- Pay the proper membership fee.
- Be approved by a simple majority vote at a Corporation business meeting.

Membership Endorsement

Required for Voting Membership

Member: _____
Name *Date*

Member: _____
Name *Date*

Chesapeake Pagan Community

Vision Statement

Chesapeake Pagan Community, a non-profit religious corporation, is a group of people on diverse spiritual and religious paths within the Pagan and Pantheist family of religions. Our mission is to organize community events, workshops and rituals open to the public in the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore area.

Chesapeake Pagan Community's diversity encompasses a wide range of beliefs and practices. Our strength is in the union of our diverse paths. We respect each other's individual differences as we strive to keep our practices mutually supportive.

We welcome people of all ages and orientations equally at our events. Chesapeake Pagan Community organizes seasonal celebrations and gatherings, including clothing optional camping retreats. We believe the human body is sacred and worthy of respectful behavior.

In order to make a spiritually safe and comfortable environment within Chesapeake Pagan Community, we exclude drugs, drunkenness, scourging, pain and animal sacrifice at our events. Violence in any form has no place at Chesapeake Pagan Community events.

We are establishing our own community center located in the Washington, D.C.- Baltimore area, and we are dedicating funds toward that goal.

We work with the media to educate the public about Pagan and Pantheist religious and spiritual paths. We respond to media inquiries and support Pagan and Pantheist religious rights.

We consider the Earth to be a living being and we acknowledge the intrinsic value of all Nature. We pledge to live responsibly on our planet and encourage sustainable environmental practices that support the web of life.

Code of Honor

As a free member of a free spiritual community, I acknowledge freedom's responsibility as implied in the venerable law, "An' it harm none, do as ye will." In the spirit of freedom, I agree to honor the following code of responsibility.

- I will consider my pledged word sacred.
- I will respect all others' rights to freedom, safety, privacy and differing opinions.
- I will take care, in my personal behavior, to consider the feelings and comfort of others.
- I will respect the life of this planet.
- I will seek to repair what I have wrongly damaged and to heal those whom I have wrongly harmed.
- Honesty is valuable. I will remember this in thought, word and deed.

Our Code of Honor is intended to provide guidance, and should not be considered a rigid collection of laws. Respect for others does not mean we should allow them to do anything, whenever it pleases them, and sometimes it is necessary to criticize what others believe or interfere with their activities. Balance and moderation are important considerations when practicing the Code in our personal lives.

Pantheism

For our purposes, we define Pantheism as belief in nature deities, deity in nature and nature spirituality. Broader or differing definitions found in dictionaries do not apply to the Corporation.

Our interpretation of pantheism is not as inclusive as other pantheist organizations. We prefer a healthy, balanced approach in the practice of our various faiths. Altered states of awareness achieved from drugs, drunkenness, scourging, or pain are not part of Chesapeake Pagan Community and not welcome at our activities. Our activities are intended for pantheists who prefer a healthy, balanced, non-violent approach

I have reviewed the Vision Statement and Code of Honor for the Chesapeake Pagan Community and I agree to abide by the policies stated therein. I understand that CPC defines Pantheism as belief in nature deities, deity in nature or nature spirituality. I agree with and accept this definition to define my own spiritual path. I hereby certify that all the information I have provided above is true.

Applicant: _____

Name

Date