



Covenant of the Goddess - Associate Participant Application and Renewal Form

New Application:

I wish to **participate** in The Covenant of the Goddess Associate Program.

- Associate Tithe enclosed \$40 (Renewable annually)
- We are solitary Associates living in the same household and qualify for the \$60 Tithe. This includes one electronic copy of the newsletter.
- Enclosed is my letter of introduction
- Letter of recommendation enclosed (optional, but strongly recommended)

If Renewing:

- I wish to renew my participation with the Covenant of the Goddess.
- Associate Tithe (\$40) enclosed. (Renewable annually)
- We are solitary Associates living in the same household and qualify for the \$60 Tithe. This includes one electronic copy of the newsletter.

Associate Card number(s): _____

Current Expiration Date: _____

Make your tax-deductible check payable to **Covenant of the Goddess** or to **CoG**.
Complete this form, marking your confidentiality levels, and return it with your tithe to:

If Applying at National

Associate Participation
Rick Grimes, NMO
1212 McKenzie Rd.
Greenfield, IN 46140

If Applying to a Local Council

Local Council Membership Officer

Name of the Local Council you are applying to: _____

- There is no Local Council in my area. I wish to apply to National.
- Check here if the above information has changed since your last renewal

Please be sure to fill out all the information requested on this form.

Confidentiality Levels

Please mark all ()s. Note: Information left blank will be considered to be Secret.

- S = Secret Known only to the CoG Board of Directors (National and Local)
- C = CoG Only May be given to other CoG members
- P = Public May be revealed or published as appropriate
- O = Outreach Actively networking - please circulate for contacts

Please PRINT or TYPE all information.

Information that is illegible will be returned and may cause a delay in the membership process.

- () *Must be P or O* Associate Name: _____
- () Street Address or Box # _____
City: _____ State/Province _____
- () Zip/Postal Code: _____ County: _____
- () Phone: _____ () E-mail address: _____

I hereby declare the following statements are true and *that I am over the age of 18*:

1. I am a Witch.
2. I subscribe to a code of Ethics compatible with that in Article 9 of the CoG By-Laws (on next page).
3. I worship the Goddess in all Her forms and/or the God in all His guises.
4. I realize that there are many Traditions to Wicca and I recognize all of them as equally valid.
5. I agree that I will hold harmless any Officers or Committee of the Covenant and any Committee members acting in their official capacities.
6. I realize that being accepted as an Associate in no way entitles me to full membership in The Covenant and that I must apply in the usual manner, should I wish in the future to become a voting member.
7. I realize that if I violate any of the By-Laws on the attached page I will not be renewed.
8. I will maintain the confidentiality of any and all Associates and Covenant of the Goddess Members.

I wish to receive a copy of The Covenant of the Goddess Bylaws (1st copy no charge)

In the Name of the Goddess,

Signed: _____

Date you sent this form: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

For Local Council Membership Office Use Only

Date Applied to Local Council: _____ Date Approved by Local Council: _____

Date Published in Local Council Newsletter: _____

Date Sent to National Membership Officer: _____

Signature of Membership Officer _____

For National Membership Office Use Only

Date received by National: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Date Forwarded to Publications Officer: _____ Associate Published in Issue: _____

Date Check Forwarded to National Pursewarden: _____

Final Approval: _____ Published in Issue: _____

Please read carefully before signing the Associate Application

ARTICLE 9: ETHICS

A. POLICY AND PURPOSE:

The Covenant strongly encourages its Members to comply with the Code of Ethics described in Section B of this Article. The Covenant recognizes that ultimately questions of ethics violations are between individuals and their Gods.

B. CODE OF ETHICS:

The following shall constitute the Code of Ethics of the Covenant:

1. An ye harm none, do as ye will.
2. Since Our Religion and the arts and practices peculiar to it are the gift of the Goddess, membership and training in a Coven of members of Our Religion are bestowed free, as gifts, and only on those persons who are deemed worthy to receive them; nevertheless, a Coven may expect each of its members to bear a fair share of its ordinary operating expenses.
3. All persons have the right to charge reasonable fees for the services by which they earn a living, so long as Our Religion is not thereby exploited.
4. Every person associated with this Covenant shall respect the autonomy and sovereignty of each Coven, as well as the right of each Coven to oversee the spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical development of its members in its own way, and shall exercise reasonable caution against infringing upon that right in any way.
5. All persons associated with the Covenant shall respect the traditional secrecy of Our Religion.
6. Members of Our Religion should ever keep in mind both its underlying unity and the diversity of its manifestations, and should make clear on any communications just whom they are speaking for or about.
7. These ethics shall be understood and interpreted in light of one another, and especially in light of traditional laws of Our Religion.

C. ETHICS VIOLATIONS:

The Covenant recognizes the following to be ethical violations:

1. Knowingly and willfully making a false statement to any Council, Board, Committee, or other duly constituted agency of the Covenant; also knowingly and willfully making a false statement about the Covenant to non-members.
2. Theft of Covenant property, commission of fraud upon the Covenant, or the intent to defraud the Covenant;
3. Persistent refusal to abide by the provisions of the Charter, these Bylaws, or such decisions of the Council as are necessary for the continued viability and usefulness of the Covenant as an instrument of the joint will of the Members;
4. Willful violation of the confidentiality provisions of Article 10 of these Bylaws;
5. Such persistent use of the veto power that the usefulness or viability of the Covenant is seriously threatened;
6. Misrepresentation by an individual or a Coven of that individual's or that Coven's status within the Covenant;
7. Deliberate intimidation, coercion, or manipulation of any individual, against that individual's will, at any business function of the Covenant; or
8. Making statements about a member of the Covenant to non-members, without that member's permission, that in any way offend, compromise or injure the security or reputation of said member.