THE ESSENCE OF OUR TEACHINGS

CHRIST'S CHURCH OF THE GOLDEN RULE
Do you like to think?
About fun, people, and things!
Especially, do you like to think ideas?
Good! We are glad you do,
Because we like thinking, too.

Thinking is a gift we all inherit equally;
It is something we each can do by ourselves, for ourselves.
Our thoughts are our very own —
No one can take them from us;
No one can force their thoughts upon us.

Our gift of thinking is our dominion;
A gift — wonderful, yet terrifying.
Wonderful, because it makes of us masters, not slaves.
Terrifying, because it makes us responsible to ourselves for the kind of lives we live.
Of course, we can allow others to do our thinking for us, but---!
What are you doing with your gift of thinking?

WE WERE JUST WONDERING.

Unscramble the word "theepleno".

What are Nature's submarines?

What four-letter word ends in "eny"?

Where are the four corners of the earth?

They are:
1. Ireland, northward toward pole.
3. South of Africa, centered about one-half way to Antarctica.
4. West of South America — high point off Peru.

These discoveries were made in 1965 at Johns Hopkins University, from measurements of earth-circling satellites. High points of each cover thousands of square miles and are 220 feet higher than if earth were exactly spherical. Areas between are about 153 feet below roundness of earth. Satellites were pulled down a few hundred feet by high gravity of high points.
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Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. (Matthew 7: 12)
FOREWORD

INASMUCH as mankind has seemingly been so completely dependent upon materialism for survival and so fully convinced that the survival of the fittest meant success for those with the greatest individual accumulations of materiality, it has been most difficult, if not virtually impossible, to find a sufficient number of people with the courage to honestly and fairly apply Christ Jesus' recommendations pertaining to substance as a group action. They have felt that any failure to follow the so-called human and jungle laws of the survival of the fittest — and to ignore the generally accepted belief of the necessity of expending their total efforts for the "individual" accumulation of materiality — would be a guarantee of failure at the very outset of any such group action.

Not until the ecclesiastical membership of Christ's Church of The Golden Rule pledged itself to live in rigid compliance with Christ Jesus' recommendations of human relationship has there been — during recent centuries — any attempt to prove or disprove the truth-
fulness and efficacy of Christ Jesus' teachings and general philosophy on an economic level.

Our Church, Christ's Church of The Golden Rule, has a great, and vitally important, ministry to perform in behalf of all mankind. Its own foundation having been established (entirely upon the idealistic Christian teachings already put into its hands) our Church presents these idealistic teachings — separate from all other churches, philosophies, and movements — for the sole purpose of illustrating the practicability of Christ Jesus' Golden Rule when "radically" applied to the everyday affairs of men — by individual and also by group action.

It is believed that the time has now come when some further step must be taken by our Church toward promulgating its teachings to the public. This bulletin has therefore been prepared to inform our Christian friends of the general nature of our teachings, the essence of the spiritual precepts upon which we base our Golden Rule ministry, and some of the reasons for the existence of our Crusading Christian Church ... and to serve as a constant reminder to the present affiliates of Christ's Church of The Golden Rule of their daily obligation and responsibility toward the fulfillment and practical application of "Our Vision".
OUR VISION

A world free from want, with liberty and justice for all, and with understanding love toward God and one another.

This day's work is dedicated to the end that we may prove that it is more blessed to give than to receive and that it is true that "giving does not impoverish nor does withholding enrich."
ARTICLE I

OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE ECCLESIASTICAL SOCIETY OF
CHRIST'S CHURCH OF THE GOLDEN RULE

(with certain minor changes to clarify the meaning thereof for the purpose of this bulletin.)

DECLARATION OF FAITH

We deem it proper to state herein some of the basic doctrines and principles upon which Christ's Church of The Golden Rule is founded, and the following declaration expresses, substantially, what we believe:

1. Of The True God:

We believe that there is but one living and true Father-Mother God; omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Divine Mind and changeless perfection; the Creator and Preserver of all things, both
visible and invisible; the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, wholly worthy of honor, confidence, and love — in Whom we live, move, and have our being.

2. Of Christ Jesus:

We believe that Jesus of Nazareth was inexpressibly wise, gentle, and holy; that he came to earth to reveal God to all men, and to exemplify by his actions and teachings all of the virtues and goodness of a perfect man; that by his life, crucifixion, death, resurrection, and ascension he became the Way-shower to all who believe in his teachings; but that the Christ — (Truth, the Mind that was in Christ Jesus) — existed even before Abraham was, and has always been co-existent with God ... the man Jesus we believe to have been the highest exemplification of the Christ (Truth) to have evolved from the race of men — hence our acceptance of him as our Way-shower.

3. Of The Holy Scriptures:

We believe that the original basic teachings of the Holy Bible were written by men moved by the Mind or Spirit that is God; that it contains all directions necessary to salvation; that it reveals the principles by which we shall live and be judged; that it is, and will forever remain the basis of Christian fellowship and the most perfect standard by which human conduct shall be tried.
4. Of Salvation Through Repentance and Regeneration:

We believe that to be saved from the consequences of any kind of wrong-doing, we must truly repent thereof and correct our errors; that to be regenerated we must respond freely to the influence and power of the Mind that is God — the Mind that was in Christ Jesus — that only the works of that Mind be done on earth as they are in heaven (perfect harmony) ... and that the evidence of regeneration shall appear as a more Christlike life.

5. Of True Religion:

We believe that the essence of true religion is to learn to love God with all of one's heart and the art of doing unto others as we would have others do unto us; that we must serve, rather than be served; that the strong must help the so-called weak, so that none may suffer; and that in all things we should seek the perfect will of God, and the good of all men.

6. Of The Economy of The Church:

We believe that economic equality is the only enduring foundation upon which to build industrial, business, political, national and international relationships; and that to insure such equality the property and earnings of all individuals should be used to glorify God and to illustrate the teachings of Christ Jesus.
DUTIES OF AFFILIATES

CANON LAW #24

It shall be the duty of all affiliates, including student ministers and members of every classification, to constantly remember that Christ Jesus' Golden Rule applies specifically to THEIR treatment of others, regardless of how others may treat them, and to continually seek to use that principle in their everyday lives and in their dealings with all with whom they come in contact ... whether affiliated with the Church or any of its agencies or not. It shall further be the duty of all affiliates, including student ministers and members of every classification, to earnestly endeavor to so live that their actions as well as their words will constitute an exemplification of Christ Jesus' teachings and so continue to perfect the "illustration" of the practicability of such teachings which is being established by Christ's Church of The Golden Rule and all of its agencies.
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We believe that there is but one Creator (or primal cause) of this universe, and everything and everyone therein, for if there were two or more gods, something would have had to create them and therefore there can be but One—"ONE" who is without beginning and without end, who has always been and will always be, as is the nature of Principle and Truth, in the same way that 2 x 2 has always been 4 and will always be 4—that which is changelessly COMPLETE!

That which is Truth can neither be added to nor taken from, but is eternally changeless and perfect. We believe that our Father-Mother God, the one and only Creator or primal cause of all that is, is not someone with arms or legs sitting on a large, overstuffed throne in some distant heaven, but instead is Life, Truth, Love, Principle, Mind, Spirit, Soul—all of substance and all that substance ever has or ever will "actually" express. We believe that our Creator is omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent and that there is nothing besides God (Good) in spite of the myriad illusions of the so-called carnal or mortal mind's seeming five physical senses.
We believe that we live and move and have our being in God (Good) and that there can, in actuality, be nothing but perfection in all of the universe in spite of the Adam dream of "mist"-ification which seemed to arise over the face of the earth and declare the existence of both good and evil — spirituality and materiality — life and death — health and disease — substance and poverty — gentleness and brutality — generosity and greed — beauty and ugliness — etc., etc. ... and we are fully convinced, from the revelations of Truth which have come into our experience, that right where poverty, imperfection, disease, evil, or death seem to be — (if one knew enough of God — Good) — changeless perfection would be found to exist.

We believe that all of Christ Jesus' healings (so-called miracles) were the result of his having eyes too pure in their capacity to behold the evidences of the perfection of God's universe, to behold evil, and can be traced to his unshakable love of purity and perfection and his understanding of the changeless, universal laws supporting the eternal perfect life of all that God has created and his conviction that what God (Good) did not create, cannot actually exist except as a figment of one's imagination and an illusion or distortion emanating from the "mist"-ification and ignorance of the so-called five physical senses, an awakening from which would disclose a
perfect expression of Life, Truth, Love, or Principle, at the exact spot where the seemingly carnal senses describe evil, disease, poverty, imperfection, or death.

Above and beyond every desire that has ever reached our hearts, or our consciousness, is the determination to learn to see mankind and God's universe in the way that Christ Jesus saw them, and to learn to love perfection enough to not only awaken from the Adam dream ourselves, but to serve in some little way to awaken those around about us to the eternal perfection and abundant good of God's indescribably beautiful and wondrous universe. We believe that we live and move and have our being in the midst of that perfection and that God (Good) fills all space and there is naught outside of Him.

We believe that man was never born and will never die, in spite of the various dreams or mortal illusions, including so-called birth and death, which seem at the present time to obscure the eternal nature and perfection of Life from our consciousness. We believe that one can learn to be sufficiently grateful for all of the beauty and goodness in God's universe to gradually unsee, or melt away to its native nothingness, all imperfection, as the rays of the sun disperse the fog, and that if the desire in one's heart to know God (Good) and to learn to be obedient to the laws of a perfect universe is
strong enough, that those laws will guide
and direct one's life along the pathway
leading to the perfection which the world
describes as heaven. We are equally as
firmly convinced that there is no possi­
ble means by which to die into heaven,
crash the gates, or to get there in any
other way, without first learning to love
God (Good) with all one's heart and to
love one's brother as one's self, as
Jesus taught. There could be no harmony
in a world or a heaven of greed, selfish­
ness, or brutality, and no joy in a
world of competitive "getting" in place
of "giving", or expressing — pressing
forth (manifesting) — the many concepts
of Life and Truth and Love, from the in­
finitesimal to the infinite.

To spend one's life in "getting" is
frequently to tear down and destroy — to
"give" is to build and press forth one's
capacities for good — for spreading hap­
piness and joy in the lives of men.

Man, to express God, must express
the protecting love that is God and must
try to help, not to hurt — must try to
build, not to destroy — to unfold ever
more beautiful expressions of Life and
Truth and Love, not to devour or tear
down everything in sight ... and man, to
find his heaven — his harmony — must
first find God (Good) and the joy of do­
ing unto others as he would have others
do unto him.
Such lessons are not learned by wishful thinkers, but only by diligent doers of the word of God. Putting on the Mind that was in Christ Jesus is not alone a matter of psalm singing and praying, but primarily has to do with living such teachings and ceaselessly endeavoring to encourage others to do likewise.

We have not found it any easier to seek to put on that Mind that was in Christ Jesus and to give up the world and its so-called fleshpots and entrapments of the five physical senses, with their greedy, insatiable appetites for "getting" than has any other human being, throughout these last nearly two thousand years, who has attempted to follow in the footsteps of the Master Christian... but the difficulties to be encountered in such a journey, from physical sense to spiritual discernment, have seemed much less important than the wisdom to be gained from finding God; and no doubt we have been as clumsy in following what is actually a very clearly marked trail from so-called matter to spirit (from a love of materiality to a love of spirituality) as has the clumsiest of those who have sought to find or acquire "the Christ Mind".

Jesus said, "Why callest thou me good?" There is only one who is good and that is the Father who dwelleth in heaven (in perfect harmony), nor do we know anyone else who sincerely seeks to under-
stand Christ Jesus' teachings to ever consider himself, at this stage of unfoldment, to have demonstrated the capacity to be called good ... but that does not preclude one from seeking to express as much of God (as much of Good) as one can comprehend and demonstrate the character to express.

If others who have lived more materialistic lives and who have had less opportunity for spiritual unfoldment, find it difficult to understand our ministry and the teachings to which we subscribe, at least we should—in this great Christian nation—be allowed to both illustrate and preach such spiritual teachings as we have been privileged to receive through our Church, especially since such teachings ceaselessly endeavor to encourage those around about us to do unto others as they would have others do unto them and to bend their every energy each day to expressing as much of God (as much of Good) as they can comprehend and to make the trail a little smoother for those who will follow after us.

We believe that Christ Jesus gave, in one sentence, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" (Matt. 7: 12), the answer to all of the superstition, greed, poverty, crime, brutality, and war that has ever ensnared the human race throughout its centuries of carnal mind history. With every beat of our hearts,
we grow increasingly convinced that it would take but a short step for the entire human race to go from a world of heartbreaking seeming poverty, ugliness, and brutality into the heaven that Christ Jesus stated was here at hand whenever men would learn to do unto others as they would have others do unto them.

It has been discovered that greed, false ambition, and brutality have so befogged the human mind that men have permitted hundreds of millions of human beings to starve from the so-called cradle to the grave, century after century, and tens of millions of them to pass on each year after the indescribable tortures of starvation, while they have failed to ever plow more than one acre out of each one hundred acres of soil on our planet which could produce needed food. It has been discovered that, instead of there not being enough food to go around, every man, woman, and child on earth could have a twenty-course meal every hour of the twenty-four hours each day of their lives (if they could chew and digest it), and barely scratch the surface of the earth's productivity, if they would but "do unto others as they would have others do unto them"... that there is enough in the way of raw materials to produce entirely new raiment every hour of the day for every human being on the face of the earth (were it needed), if but a small fraction of the money used in war and criminally
organized greed throughout the world were used for the production of the necessities of life... furthermore, that the excuse for war based upon a lack of room is so absurd as to not be worthy of consideration by even the most ignorant of men, since the entire population of the earth could be placed in the little state of New Jersey alone and still enjoy more beautiful parks, children's playgrounds, fountains and lakes and streams, and endless opportunities for self-expression beyond anything ever provided in any city on the face of the earth, if but a small fraction of the engineering and architectural discoveries of men were used for such an achievement — instead of for war... also that the nature of God's creation is such that the concept of "before you ask, I shall answer" applies to all of the needs of men, as it has applied throughout the centuries. For instance, when the oxcart seemed too slow for mankind's unfolding desires, men learned to train and use the greater speed of horses; later, steam power shortened the time required for abridging distance; before man had even scratched the surface of available coal supplies, he discovered how to harness his virtually inexhaustible water power for the generation of electricity, and before we have harnessed a small part of that power, an understanding of atomic power is being acquired, and there is but little doubt but that before we scratch the surface of such forces, man will discover additional
and at present undreamed of sources of power, such as today hold the planets in their orbits and provide expression of adhesion and cohesion and the orderliness manifested in the heavenly bodies.

In other words, God's creation is inexhaustible, and men need never fear lack, for there can be no such thing as lack at any time after men learn to "do unto others as they would have others do unto them" and to devote their energies toward building rather than to destroying, toward giving rather than to getting, toward loving rather than to hating, toward that which stands for grateful recognition of the limitless grandeur, substance, and power of God's universe.

It is our belief that neither superstition, poverty, brutality, nor war can ever be overcome in the experiences of men until they learn to love God (Good), perfection more than imperfection, purity more than impurity, kindness and gentleness more than unkindness and brutality; learn to love to give, more than to desire to get; learn to build rather than to destroy; learn the lessons of gratitude rather than those of self-pity; learn to recognize and love the perfection of God's universe rather than to cringe from the Adam dreams of superstition which have been passed down from century to century in order to enslave men to a system based upon greed and selfishness.
In our Church, we do not believe that it is the purpose of life to work for money to buy bread to get the strength to work for money to buy bread to get the strength to do the same ridiculous thing all over again! It is our belief that the strong should help the weak in a true Christian brotherhood, and that man, from deep within his heart, should desire to learn how to do unto others as he would have others do unto him, that men might live in brotherhood instead of strife, and might discover that the kingdom of heaven is truly at hand as Christ Jesus stated that it was and is ... that our all-wise Creator and loving Father-Mother God has abundantly provided for every possible need of His children — that "before you ask I shall answer" is the unalterable law of this entire universe.

Wishful thinking does not bring into the life of anyone the fulfillment of his hopes — only unceasing constancy of diligent effort to express constructive service toward others brings fulfillment of any worth-while achievement in the lives of men.

When all mankind come to realize and accept these simple fundamental truths, they will acknowledge the dominion of God (Good) over all of the affairs of His children, and there will truly be made manifest "Peace on earth and good will toward men" ... the tyrant fear will be
reduced to its native nothingness, and men and women will be free.

The major purpose of CHRIST’S CHURCH OF THE GOLDEN RULE is to establish an "illustration" of the practicability of these teachings — a working model which all mankind may see and understand. Our ministry is not an easy one, but we fully believe that Christ Jesus' vision of such a Christian brotherhood is possible of ultimate fulfillment.

Christ's Church of The Golden Rule was founded specifically to engage in such a ministry in behalf of mankind — the ministry of proving that God is not a being in some far-off heaven, but is as close as our hands and feet, and that His very presence provides every expression of substance which men could desire. It was founded to help prove that every form of good within our universe is available to all mankind at any time that the universal laws pertaining to God's infinite expressions of substance are obeyed.

Those of us close to the heart of this great crusading ministry are able to recognize the priceless value of its idealism and major policies ... the time has now arrived when it is necessary for us to make sure that all right-thinking men and women, the world over, are also enabled to correctly evaluate and learn to love the basic import of Christ Jesus' teachings, and to recognize that only
through their universal application in all branches and phases of human relationship can a condition of permanent peace and assured progress exist in the lives of men.

To accomplish this, many different kinds of object lessons — capable of being understood by all types and kinds of people — will be needed. Although the chaotic state of world thought may oblige us to teach these lessons in ways which (to the uninitiated) may seem clumsy and difficult, nevertheless, no part of the basic fundamental idealism for which we have always stood, or the major purposes of Christ Jesus' teachings have ever been, or will ever be, altered in our presentation thereof ... universal law does not change — Truth is the same yesterday, today, and forever — so also must be that which reflects God's laws ... the wrapping and the color or size of the ribbons may be somewhat altered, but the contents of the package can neither be added to nor taken from when it is a law of Love, of Life, or of Truth that is being expressed.

The Great Way-shower gave, in his Sermon on the Mount, a complete description of — and key to — the charted course by which the kingdom of heaven (which has always been at hand and never afar off) might easily and quickly be reached by the entire human race, and he imparted some of the simple rules by which we must
abide if we are to help mankind find its way back to its birthright of heaven and harmony.

MEN MUST LEARN THAT ALTHOUGH GOD IS NOT A GOD OF WRATH, NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE LAWS WHICH CANNOT BE LIGHTLY BROKEN IF WE ARE TO FIND LASTING PEACE AND HAPPINESS, AND IF GOD'S WILL IS TO BE MADE MANIFEST ON EARTH (CONSCIOUS AWARENESS) AS IT IS IN HEAVEN (HARMONY AND JOY).

One of these laws is that "GIVING does not impoverish nor does withholding enrich" the miserly type of thought that possessively attempts to cling to everything upon which it can lay its grasp — even including ability, talents, vitality, and strength — all of which must be freely and constantly given out (released) and expressed if one would not grow sluggish and stupidly materialistic and animalic. Man is primarily a thinking creature, and thinking demands expression — vital, constant "ACTION". When such action is based upon true vision, and a properly developed concept of impartial brotherly love and service, it is joyous and invigorating ... not debilitating nor depressing.

Some day we will learn that fatigue and failure result primarily from trying to "GET" something done rather than to "LET" Life, Truth, and loving helpfulness be spontaneously and joyously expressed
through us (in as unlabored a manner as a beautiful image might be "reflected" by a mirror), in the completion of the worthy activities to which we are dedicating our efforts. Such joyous "unlabored" spontaneity comes only from a ceaselessly sustained vision of the "COMPLETED" task ... it is quickly destroyed when one attempts to count (or calculate the difficulties of taking) the intervening footsteps — or when one in a miserly, petulant, or resentful manner attempts to dole out his ability, talents, and strength in as small doses as possible.

At no time, throughout all of known recorded history, have men and women needed brotherly love, understanding, and expressions of compassionate patience to as great an extent as mankind does at this time. The place to start expressing these qualities is toward those with whom we are thrown into daily contact, until the habit of "unseeing" the seeming faults of those around about us takes the place of constant bickering, criticism, and petty antagonism, and we learn to discern and gratefully appreciate the truly fine qualities which we can help to bring to the surface in our contact with literally everyone with whom we may associate.

There is always a lot more of good — of that which is truly admirable — in literally everyone we meet, than there is of evil, imperfection, or such qualities
as so many people seem to think constitutes their lifework to point out and constantly criticize.

When gratitude and love take the place of criticism and ego, we will find that we already live in a world peopled by God's perfect, loving, and lovable children ... that the brotherhood of man is possible of attainment, and that the kingdom of heaven has always been at hand.

Never has there been a man, woman, or child on the face of this earth who could not have found God and who could not have been used by the power of His love, had sufficient gratitude wellled up within his heart with which to unlock the portals to heaven — the heaven which comes from the recognition of the presence of the ALLNESS of Life and Truth and Love, ceaselessly expressed throughout the universe, from the infinitesimal to the infinite.

WE ALL ARE GOD'S CHILDREN

Each of God's children is important! Can you imagine the science of mathematics getting very far without the "2" or the "3"... or if it were to omit the "7" or the "9"?
God could not be God — (could not be ALL or wholly expressed — pressed forth) — if one of us were missing from this universe. The universe would be incomplete ... it would be the same as if the "2" were missing from the science of mathematics. There would be no "irrefutable" science of mathematics.

Each of us is indispensable! The only trouble with the majority of us is that we do not realize just how important we truly are as an indestructible element of this universe. That does not mean being egotistical, or feeling superior to anyone else, for all are the sons and daughters of God. We will never find lasting joy until we realize that this fact endows us with the birthright of dominion over ourselves and gives us the right to dignity and self-respect — to self-confidence and assurance in every "righteous" thing we do.

This realization has nothing to do with the egotism of having stronger hands, or of having certain colored hair while the other fellow seems to have no hair at all. The materialistic or mortal, carnal mind sense of values is wrong, because it is not based on a feeling of oneness with God and the realization of what a son or daughter of God should be like.

Imagine being the son or daughter of the Creator of this universe, of being so
related to the Mind capable of evolving, from the infinitesimal to the infinite, all the marvels of this great universe... being a son or daughter of that Creator. Of course we should have pride and dignity! Naturally, we should feel a sense of dominion. Why shouldn't we?

We don't have to hesitate to call on the birthright of strength that is ours... for the strength that WAS ours before the morning stars sang together is STILL our strength, and WILL BE our strength long after the stars we can see in the heavens have ceased to give out any light—have ceased to be—as far as our present concept of them is concerned.

For life is ageless and eternal and will be proved to be so whenever we truly learn the lessons of brotherly love, whenever we clearly recognize the truth that all that God (Good) has created is indeed very good—and that seeming imperfection and incompleteness are but a mirage of self-will, greed, ingratitude, and brutality...the Adam dream from which we will awaken whenever we learn to love perfection enough to put on the Mind that Christ Jesus expressed (pressed forth) and made manifest.

Let us count our blessings and say, "Get thee behind me", to all that may tempt our thought away from gratitude...for this is God's world and it is VERY good, nor need we stay in any dream of
limitation or discord one second longer than it takes to accept as a fact the omnipresence of God's love, for the evidence of that love fills every foot of space in expressions of Life and beauty and grandeur surpassing description.

If sufficient gratitude floods our hearts, it is utterly impossible for us NOT to apply The Golden Rule to every phase of our daily lives.

Gratitude to God for the sunshine, the moon, the stars, the sky, the birds that sing in the trees, and the children who laugh at their play, for each and every one of our student minister associates trying in his or her own way to lighten the burden for us all... gratitude must fill our hearts to the exclusion of all mesmeric impulses of self-pity, bitterness, or thoughts of persecution until our vision is enlarged beyond the mists of petty thinking and we find that right here at hand God has provided everything needful for our ministry and for our security and happiness. There is no solvent of limitation or discord as powerful as a song of gratitude in one's heart and on one's lips.

Bringing happiness to others by helping to lighten their load, in any way that we can, still constitutes man's greatest source of real wealth and the source of his greatest happiness. There is nothing that can keep us from spending
that wealth or finding the happiness that comes from helping others, as we day by day help to build ever-enlarging facilities for proving the power of brotherly love to uproot the seeming causes of greed, self-centeredness, unkindness, and brutality.

True "Children of this Church" are clear thinkers ... they are idealistic and courageous. They "see a world at peace, adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled, while lips are rich with words of love and truth"; and their desire for all humanity to realize that it lives in such a world is so great that they have gladly dedicated, and now devote, their talents and abilities to this religious Crusade and this religious work with neither thought nor hope of any material reward to themselves, and under circumstances and organizational rules which forbid any monetary reward to insure to any individual from the Church's property or income.

There is no crusade so vitally needed — and there is nothing bigger in this world today — than the Golden Rule Crusade of Christ's Church of The Golden Rule. With our world as much overrun with self-centeredness as it is, there is so much competition in all other branches of human endeavor (and so many people trying to get and so few trying to give),
that the only clear pathway you have, where you are not outnumbered and out­weighed a million to one, is in the field of living Christ Jesus' teachings, and "giving" instead of getting.

The only place we have in this world, where there is room for us, is in the giving side of human endeavor where we must constantly bear in mind the fact that we can actually reap only what we sow, day by day, serving to the best of our individual capacity and strength, without any thought of what we are personally going to acquire as individuals, or as a group. You cannot so live unless and until you first have a much loved and protected center for your affections. You cannot make such a demonstration without the encouragement and help of others traveling in the same direction. It can only be done in an atmosphere where one is permitted and encouraged to express that concept of living and giving.

Our Church is ceaselessly endeavoring to provide the essentials of environment for such a Golden Rule way of life. For those who mean to live a life of that kind, and who are sincerely determined to attempt to prove the far-reaching effects of abiding by such a principle, the Church provides a means for them to do so ... and provides avenues for useful expressions of service and labor.
One does not practice The Golden Rule by doing nothing. One must always do something useful. When one practices such a rule of life there is always need of constructive action of some kind. Even if you are seemingly confined to a wheel chair, there is constructive action you can express, such as teaching others what you already know of Good. If you cannot use any of your hands or feet, and all you can do is speak, at least you can affirm the truth about God's changeless love and declare your faith in that Truth. If you are sufficiently sincere and zealous in such verbal expressions of your faith in God's omnipresent love, and the changeless nature of His universal laws of protection and care, you will soon no longer be in such a wheel chair.

There is always something you can do. Living The Golden Rule always means action! It never means just thought alone. It may take a great deal of praying to give one the courage and the strength to attempt to live up to Jesus' teachings, but the end result is always constructive action of some kind.

The world has already waited too many centuries for our Golden Rule Crusade, and surely it is high time that the world had at least one church built primarily upon ACTIONS — actively living Christ Jesus' precepts of brotherly love instead of merely preaching about the poetic beauty of such a concept.
As far as this planet is concerned, the ultimate success of our Crusade to prove the universal practicability of Christ Jesus' Golden Rule will depend upon having enough people drawn to such an ideal to illustrate the desirability thereof to the citizens of every nation. Mankind must be shown an example of the simplicity and goodness of such a way of life, and of the worth-while fruitage of peace, security, progress, and abundance which inevitably takes place as a result of one's voluntary compliance with such a concept of living and one's "wholehearted" support thereof — with no mental reservations of any kind or description.
WHAT YOU CAN DO

TO HELP!
THOSE ENGAGED IN OUR CHURCH’S WORK voluntarily dedicate to our Christian Crusade their talents and efforts, and receive no pay nor other monetary reward for so doing. No part of the property or income of the organization does or ever can inure to any individual because all of the property or income must be used for religious purposes, as specified in the Church Constitution and Canon Laws.

The practical daily application of Christianity upon the Church projects is for the purpose of carrying our ministry to others, and of providing religious training facilities. As an incidental by-product of this religious work, we are able to maintain these facilities and to help make it possible for those engaged in this Crusade to continue to dedicate their talents and efforts. We try, as St. Paul did, not to be a monetary burden to anyone in the ministry of our faith.

The temporal agencies of our Church have applied for tax exemptions applicable to all churches. The taxing agencies have never before been asked to apply tax laws to a ministry or religious training that applies its religious teaching to everyday life and whose incidental by-product helps make it possible for those in the religious work to dedicate their talents and efforts to their Crusade. The novelty of our concept has delayed its recognition. We hope the temporal agencies of our Church
will eventually be recognized by these taxing agencies as tax exempt, as the laws intend.

Until such time as we have been granted tax exemption, any donations sent in by you will be gratefully received by the Church, and the treasurer will send you a simple receipt of acknowledgment which will state the amount received and that it will be used for religious purposes only. Any financial help, freely given, is indeed deeply appreciated.

Beyond the statements contained in the Church publications no individual correspondence is normally carried on regarding the ministry or work of the Church. However, the ecclesiastical officials will gladly arrange for a personal interview with anyone interested in further information or explanation. Requests for appointments should be addressed to:

Christ's Church of The Golden Rule
Ridgewood Ranch
Ukiah, California 95482

The Tax Court of the United States, on February 28, 1964, held that our Church and its subsidiaries were organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes, and further held our Church and its subsidiaries exempt under Sec. 501 (c) (2) IRC 1954. Therefore, donations to our Church are deductible from your Federal income tax.