

THE CHURCH OF THE TEMPLE

Reverend Genita M. Mason, L.M.P., H.H.P., N.C.

American Naturopathic Medical Association #10116

Belief Statement & Membership

"My Body Is My Temple"

"Honor God with your bodies."

— 1 Corinthians 6:20

"Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God."

— 1 Corinthians 6:19

Our Body, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, belongs to God, and we believe God, through Nature, gave us what we need to care for, nourish, purify, heal, and maintain it. The Temple of the Spirit is the vessel through which we commune with God.

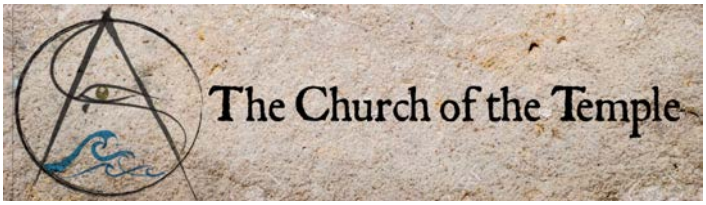
Benefits of Membership

As your minister, I will support you through whatever interference you may experience in carrying out your religious beliefs regarding psychiatric drugs, vaccinations, and your right to choose botanical, alternative, biological, or any natural medicine you wish to use.

We welcome and respect all faiths. You maintain your relationship with your Church, Temple, Synagogue, Mosque, Spiritual Community, or Tree on the Hill where you go to connect with the Holy Spirit.

The Church of the Temple focuses on maintaining our Godliness through the preservation of our human DNA and the purification of our biology by removing interference between the Body and the Holy Spirit / Divine Intelligence that inhibits the abundant flow of Spirit through the Body.

It is our understanding and religious belief that preserving ourselves in the way God, through Nature, created us enhances our connection to and alignment with the Divine Intelligence that serves health on all levels—psychologically, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.The clear intent of health, when focusing on the Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit, is to align



ourselves with the Divine Intelligence that created us by putting into our bodies only that which is consistent with the natural means God used to create and sustain us.

We hold Divine Law above man-made law in all matters of conscience concerning the sanctity of the Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit. We believe that the elements God placed within Nature are part of His Creation and were provided to humanity with purpose. If God, through Nature, provided an element, we assert our religious right to choose its use in preserving, purifying, nourishing, and healing the Body.

We also assert our right to access what God has provided through home gardening, community and cooperative agriculture, religiously sanctified energy healers, and healers whose practices employ the natural elements of Creation.

Within the Church, the healer's religious right to practice using the tools God has provided through Nature is as sacred as the member's religious right to choose that healer and receive those practices.

Accordingly, we assert the right to refuse any food, drug, medicine, procedure, substance, or information outside of Divine Law from entering our bodies, and we assert the right to use any element provided by God through Nature to heal us.

Members of this Church firmly believe that removing interference from Divine Intelligence is the primary step in aligning with it so that it may exert its natural wisdom of reassembling us back to our Divine Pattern.

This is the means by which we choose healing.

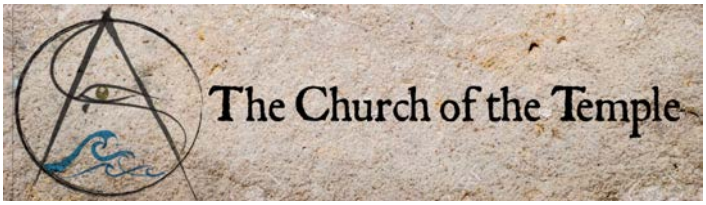
Our Foundational Religious Purpose

Reuniting Human Biology with God and Nature

The foundational belief and primary religious purpose of **The Church of the Temple is reuniting Human Biology with God and Nature.**

We believe the human body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit and that God, through Nature, provided the elements to create, nourish, sustain, purify, and heal the human body.

We believe Divine Intelligence is inherent within Creation and expressed within the human body as a living, self-organizing intelligence continually working to preserve life and return the Biological Terrain toward its Divine Pattern.



Our religious practice is therefore centered upon **removing interference between the human body and this Divine Intelligence and restoring our relationship with God and Nature in Body, Mind, and Soul.**

We seek to remove interference from synthetic food, drugs and medicines, environmental toxins, destructive information, and ways of living that separate human beings from God, Nature, and their own Divine Nature.

Each member, through prayer, conscience, spiritual discernment, and their understanding of the Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit, determines what they will or will not permit to enter their body.

The Church and its members **do not surrender** that spiritual discernment to any medical institution, governmental authority, corporation, practitioner, or other outside body. We believe that compelling a member to accept a substance, medicine, procedure, or intervention contrary to their sincerely held religious beliefs violates the sacred relationship between the individual, their Body as Temple, and the Divine Intelligence within.

Our members may seek information and counsel from physicians, healers, ministers, practitioners, family members, or anyone else they choose. **Counsel may inform the member's decision; it does not replace the member's conscience. The final decision concerning what enters the Temple belongs to the individual member.**

In place of those things the member determines interfere with their Temple, we seek the elements God provided through Nature—**Earth, Air, Fire, and Water**—along with wholesome food; any element that may be deficient due to harmful agricultural practices and toxic environmental exposures; natural detoxifying substances and compounds, including antibacterials, antivirals, hydrogen, and ozone; clean water; sunlight; movement; prayer; fasting; contemplation; spiritual practice; fellowship; botanical and biological medicine; and communion with Nature.

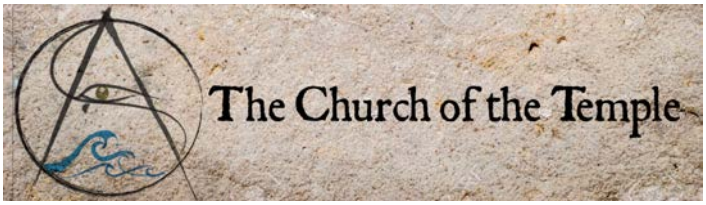
The Church of the Temple asserts its members' right to choose any natural medicine from any of the elements of **Earth, Air, Fire, or Water** to engage with Divine Intelligence and assist the self-assembly process back toward our Divine Pattern.

This is God and Nature Medicine.

This is how we reunite Human Biology with God and Nature.

The Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit

Our bodies belong to God. They are not merely physical machines, but living Temples through which the Holy Spirit and Divine Intelligence are expressed.



We therefore believe that caring for the Body is a spiritual responsibility.

Maintaining purity of Body, Mind, and Soul strengthens our awareness of the Holy Spirit within and our ability to live according to God's purpose for our lives.

We believe the human body possesses an extraordinary God-given capacity for continual self-organization. The role of our medicine is not to replace this Divine Intelligence but to support it:

Remove the interference. Restore what God provided through Nature. Support the Biological Terrain. Allow Divine Intelligence to do what it was created to do.

Members of this Church firmly believe that removing interference from Divine Intelligence is the primary step in aligning with it so that its natural wisdom may continually work to reassemble the human body toward its Divine Pattern.

This is the means by which we choose healing.

Divine Law and Freedom of Conscience

We hold Divine Law above man-made law in all matters of conscience concerning the sanctity of the Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

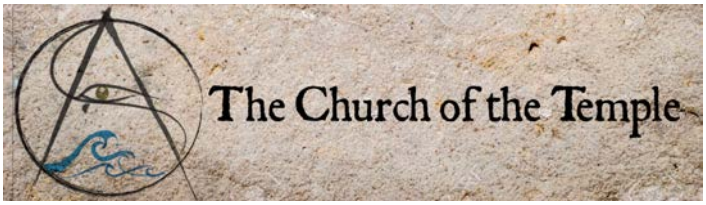
We believe the elements God placed within Nature are part of His Creation and were provided to humanity with purpose. If God, through Nature, provided an element, we assert our religious right to choose its use in preserving, purifying, nourishing, and healing the Body.

Accordingly, we assert the right to refuse any food, drug, medicine, procedure, substance, or information outside of Divine Law from entering our bodies, and we assert the right to use any element provided by God through Nature to heal us.

Every member has the right to maintain their relationship with God—by whatever name through which the member reverently understands God—with a pure Body and Mind.

We welcome and respect all faiths. Membership in the Church of the Temple does not require a person to abandon their relationship with their Church, Temple, Synagogue, Mosque, Spiritual Community, or Tree on the Hill where they go to commune with the Holy Spirit.

What joins us is our shared recognition of the **Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit** and our commitment to **reunite Human Biology with God and Nature as an act of Faith, an exercise of Responsibility, and an expression of Reverence for the gift of life given to us.**



We believe no person should be persecuted, harassed, threatened, or coerced for sincerely practicing these religious beliefs or for choosing God and Nature Medicine in accordance with their conscience.

God and Nature Medicine

Nature is not separate from God.

Nature is Creation.

We believe that the elements of **Earth, Air, Fire, and Water** are expressions of Creation and that humanity possesses a sacred relationship with them.

God and Nature Medicine therefore begins by restoring the relationship between the human being and the natural conditions under which human biology was created.

Our members may choose botanical medicines, wholesome foods, minerals, clean water, sunlight, fresh air, movement, fasting, prayer, contemplation, spiritual practices, natural biological substances in their indigenous and concentrated forms, energetic practices, and other elements of Nature consistent with their sincerely held beliefs.

Our purpose is not merely to suppress symptoms.

Our purpose is to identify and remove interference, replenish what has been depleted, purify and restore the Biological Terrain, and support the Divine Intelligence already present within the Body.

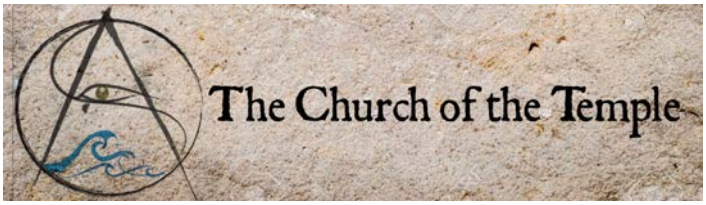
We do not seek to manufacture the Intelligence that heals. We seek to restore the conditions through which that Intelligence can freely express itself.

Biological Terrain, Mind, and Spirit

The Church teaches that Body, Mind, and Soul are not isolated systems.

Physical health, mental and emotional well-being, spiritual practice, environment, nourishment, and our relationship with Nature continually interact.

Interference within the Biological Terrain may interfere with the clarity through which we experience ourselves, our lives, and the Holy Spirit within.



Accordingly, our religious practice includes purification and restoration of the Biological Terrain alongside prayer, contemplation, wholesome nourishment, clean water, sunlight, movement, grounding, connection with Nature, fellowship, love, gratitude, and spiritual practice.

Perspective is foundational to mental and emotional well-being. We seek to nourish perspective spiritually so that life's circumstances are experienced from a place larger than the immediate conditions of the material world.

We recognize grief, sadness, fear, anxiety, loss, and periods of emotional suffering as experiences that can occur within human life. During these passages, our members should be met with humanity—prayer, love, compassion, fellowship, spiritual counsel, nourishment, rest, Nature, and support chosen by the individual.

We believe these experiences may also become profound spiritual passages through which faith, understanding, compassion, wisdom, and relationship with God deepen.

Psychiatric Drugs, Vaccination, and Bodily Integrity

The Church of the Temple holds a sincere religious objection to forced or coerced psychiatric medication, vaccination, or other medical intervention that violates a member's conscience concerning the sanctity and biological integrity of the Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Our religious principle is simple:

Remove interference from Divine Intelligence rather than introduce interference into the Temple.

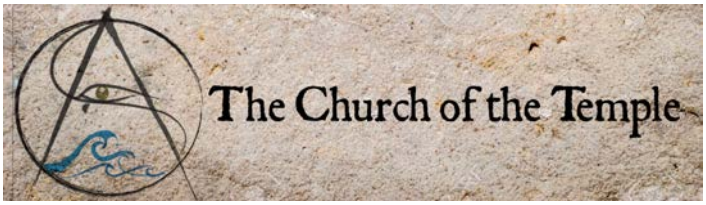
The Church strongly opposes forced psychiatric drugging.

Many people entering the Church will previously have received vaccinations, psychiatric medicines, or other treatments they would not choose today. Their history does not diminish their relationship with God or prevent them from embracing the beliefs of the Church.

The Church respects human free will. **Every individual determines what they will or will not permit to enter their own Body as Temple.**

Full Membership, however, represents a voluntary commitment to live according to the religious practices and standards of the Church.

Spiritual Practice and Full Membership



Full Membership in the Church of the Temple represents an affirmative commitment to **reunite one's own Human Biology with God and Nature.**

Full Membership is an affirmation that the member truly believes, understands, and consciously affirms that everything they could ever need or want is within them, and that God provided everything we need—within us and external to us through Nature—to nourish, purify, restore, and heal the Body, long before man-made, capitalistic medical systems were developed.

It represents a commitment to seek Spiritual practice and God and Nature Medicine rather than ongoing reliance upon drugs—legal or illegal—for the management of one's physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual life.

It represents an earnest desire and practice to **"go within"** to correct imbalances in biology, mental health, and emotional well-being. We view these imbalances as impurities within the Body, Mind, and emotional life. Therefore, purification of perspective, intent, activities, and diet, while remaining true to Spiritual Law, is essential to beginning and achieving any healing practice.

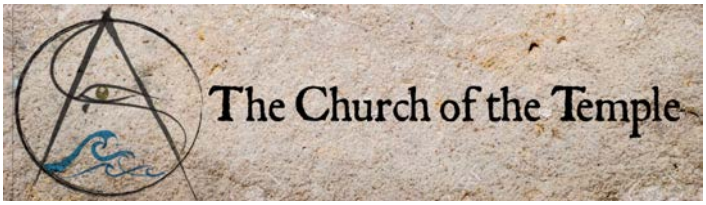
Living authentically is essential to emotional and psychological health, just as aligning with God through Nature in our diet is essential to physical health. Because Body, Mind, Soul, Nature, community, and relationships are interconnected, the Church encourages Spiritual practices that support and strengthen this alignment.

Seeking balance and harmony with Nature, within community, within our relationships, and within ourselves is the Spiritual path to healing—restoring the balance and harmony through which disease is dismissed and uprooted.

The Church recognizes that a person may sincerely embrace these beliefs while still being in the process of bringing their physical life into full alignment with them. A member may enter the Church while using recreational drugs, psychiatric drugs, or other ongoing drug therapies, provided that the member sincerely embraces the beliefs of the Church and is **actively seeking help, through whatever means they personally choose, to move away from that reliance and into fuller alignment with the Church's religious practices.**

A member who is sincerely and actively pursuing that transition is considered a Full Member of the Church of the Temple throughout the process. Full Membership is determined by the member's sincere religious commitment and active practice toward alignment with the beliefs of the Church—not by whether the transition has already been completed.

During this period of active pursuit, a Full Member who chooses to receive spiritual ministry, biological medicine, treatment, health education, purification programs, retreats, counseling, or



other services through the Church of the Temple or The BioSanctuary does so within their continuing membership relationship with the Church and its **Private Membership Association (PMA).**

Participation in the Church's or The BioSanctuary's ministries, services, programs, or treatments during this transition does not interrupt, suspend, or diminish the individual's status as a Full Member of the Church or participant in its Private Membership Association merely because the member is still in the process of bringing their life into fuller alignment with the beliefs of the Church.

Accordingly, while actively pursuing that alignment and utilizing the Church's or The BioSanctuary's ministries, services, programs, or treatments, **the individual remains a Full Member of the Church of the Temple and a participant in its Private Membership Association**, retaining the privacy, freedom of conscience, freedom of association, religious exercise, and other protections asserted by the Church and available to its members under applicable law.

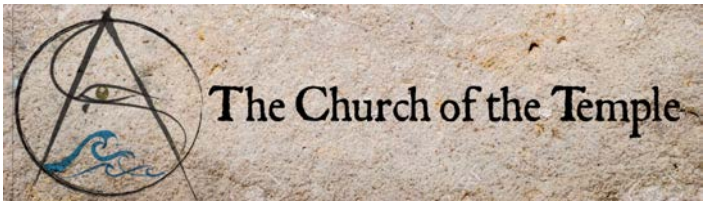
The member's participation in treatment through The BioSanctuary is an exercise of their voluntary religious association with the Church and its PMA and does not constitute a surrender of their religious convictions, bodily autonomy, privacy, freedom of conscience, or their membership relationship with the Church.

This is a religious commitment and membership standard, not a judgment upon the individual or a demand that transformation occur instantaneously.

The member may seek whatever assistance they choose. Assistance may come through the Church, The BioSanctuary, a physician, practitioner, program, treatment facility, counselor, spiritual community, family, or any other resource chosen by the individual. **The Church does not require that this transition occur through its ministry or according to any single method.**

Where physical dependence upon a drug exists, the member may choose whatever assistance they believe will best support their transition away from it. The use of professional, medical, therapeutic, spiritual, or other assistance during that transition does not conflict with Full Membership when the member is sincerely working toward alignment with the beliefs of the Church.

The Church recognizes the direction of the member's sincere Spiritual practice as fundamental: while the member is actively seeking freedom from ongoing reliance upon drugs and working to reunite their Human Biology with God and Nature, they remain a Full Member of the Church and are embraced and supported as such.



Full Membership is a commitment to seek God before drugs, Spiritual practice before chemical alteration, and God and Nature Medicine as the chosen path for maintaining the Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Acute and Emergency Medical Care

Our religious beliefs do not prohibit a member from choosing temporary medical intervention during acute injury, active physical pain, surgery, medical emergency, or acute organ dysfunction.

The Church distinguishes between ongoing chemical management of physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual life and temporary medical intervention personally chosen by a member in response to an acute circumstance.

A member may choose anesthesia during surgery, pain medication while experiencing active physical pain, emergency medicine, surgical intervention, or other temporary medical measures without compromising Full Membership in the Church.

The determination of what intervention the member chooses during an acute circumstance remains with the individual member.

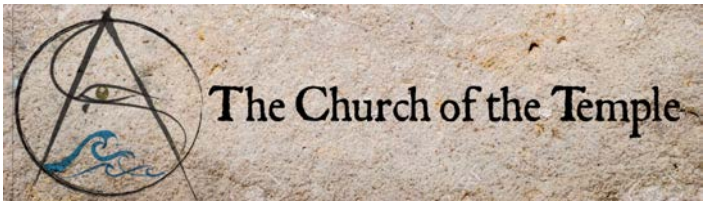
Physicians, practitioners, ministers, family members, and others may provide information and counsel, but the member retains spiritual discernment and authority concerning what enters their Body as Temple.

Temporary medicine chosen by the member may serve and preserve the Temple during an acute need without becoming the member's ongoing means of maintaining health.

The Church makes an important distinction, however, between the temporary use of pain medication while addressing an injury or the underlying cause of pain and the ongoing use of pain medication as the primary means of living with or suppressing that pain.

Within the religious beliefs of the Church, ongoing reliance upon pain medication without actively doing everything within the member's chosen means to identify, address, correct, heal, or remove the underlying cause of the pain constitutes dependence upon chemical management. When that dependence becomes the ongoing means through which the member manages physical life rather than actively pursuing healing, the Church regards it as falling within addiction and outside the Full Membership criteria of the Church.

The existence of physical dependence or addiction does not itself exclude a member who sincerely embraces the beliefs of the Church and is **actively pursuing help and healing.** A member who is using pain medication while actively seeking, through whatever means they



personally choose, to correct the source of the pain, restore function, address dependence, or transition away from ongoing chemical management remains in active pursuit of alignment with the Church's beliefs and therefore remains eligible for Full Membership.

The distinction is not simply whether a member is taking pain medication. The distinction is whether the medication is serving a temporary need while the member actively pursues healing, or whether ongoing chemical management has replaced the pursuit of the underlying cause and restoration of the Body.

The Church does not dictate which physician, healer, practitioner, therapy, biological medicine, treatment, spiritual practice, or other means the member must choose in pursuing that healing. Consistent with our doctrine of individual conscience, **the member determines which path or combination of paths they will pursue.**

When a Full Member chooses to pursue that healing through the Church of the Temple or The BioSanctuary, including while transitioning away from ongoing pain medication or other chemical dependence, they continue to participate as a Full Member within the Church and its **Private Membership Association (PMA)** under the membership principles and protections stated elsewhere in this Belief Statement.

Our religious commitment is not a rejection of medicine. It is a commitment to healing rather than lifelong chemical management, while preserving the individual member's right to determine, according to conscience and religious belief, what enters their own Body and what healing means for their Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

The BioSanctuary and Our Private Membership Association

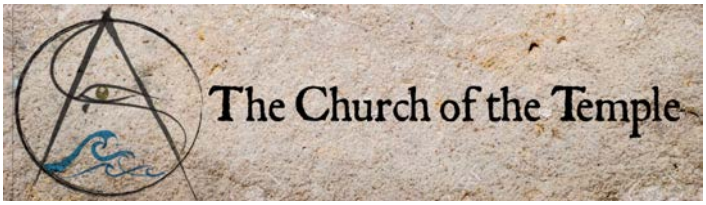
The Church of the Temple carries out its private religious and biological-health ministry through its **Private Membership Association (PMA)** and **The BioSanctuary**.

The BioSanctuary exists to put the central religious principle of the Church into practice:

Reuniting Human Biology with God and Nature

Full Members who voluntarily choose treatment, biological medicine, spiritual ministry, health education, purification programs, retreats, or other services through The BioSanctuary participate within their private membership relationship with the Church and its Private Membership Association.

While undergoing treatment or participating in a program through The BioSanctuary, the individual remains a **Full Member of the Church of the Temple and a participant in the**



Church's Private Membership Association, with the rights, responsibilities, privacy, freedom of conscience, and religious protections claimed by the Church for its members.

The BioSanctuary serves as a ministry through which the principles of God and Nature Medicine are practiced: removing interference, restoring the Biological Terrain, replenishing what Nature provides, and supporting the Divine Intelligence inherent within the Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Participation in The BioSanctuary does not constitute surrender of the member's religious convictions, bodily autonomy, freedom of conscience, privacy, or membership relationship with the Church.

Members retain spiritual discernment and the final decision concerning which treatments, medicines, substances, procedures, or practices they accept or refuse while participating in The BioSanctuary.

The Church of the Temple and its Private Membership Association assert and preserve all protections and freedoms available to the Church, its ministries, and its members under applicable constitutional, statutory, religious-freedom, freedom-of-association, privacy, and other protections.

The relationship remains fundamentally one of voluntary religious association:

The individual is first a Full Member of the Church, voluntarily participating in the private religious and biological-health ministry of the Church through The BioSanctuary.

Stewardship of the Earth

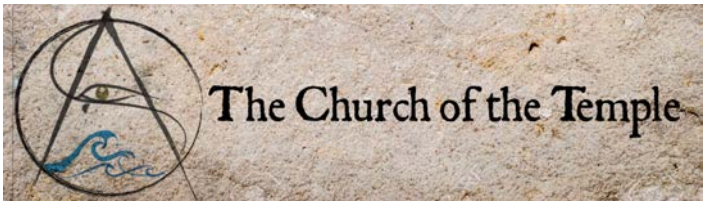
We cannot reunite Human Biology with God and Nature while disregarding the health of Nature itself.

The Earth sustains our Temples.

The soil becomes our food. Water becomes our body. Air becomes our breath. Sunlight sustains life. Plants and animals participate in the living systems upon which human biology depends.

We therefore teach stewardship of Creation as part of stewardship of the Body.

We believe poisoning the soil, water, air, plants, insects, animals, or human beings through destructive agricultural and environmental practices violates our responsibility to care for Creation.



Food as Sacred Nourishment

The Church teaches its members to **avoid commercially farmed food whenever possible and instead grow their own organic produce or obtain food from local organic farms and farmers.**

Members are encouraged to know their farmers, understand how their food is grown and raised, and develop direct relationships with the people and land providing their nourishment. In doing so, we support agricultural practices that protect the soil, water, animals, human biology, and the integrity of Nature.

The Church rejects genetically engineered foods as incompatible with our religious commitment to preserve the biological integrity of the Body as God, through Nature, created it.

We choose food in the form God, through Nature, provided it—unaltered in its fundamental biological blueprint by human genetic engineering.

When consuming animal foods, members should seek animals raised humanely, permitted to live according to their nature, provided wholesome food, and spared the suffering associated with destructive commercial farming practices.

The Church teaches its members to avoid animal foods produced through commercial farming practices that depend upon confinement, mistreatment, or conditions inconsistent with the natural life of the animal.

Our responsibility extends beyond ourselves.

We seek to reduce suffering and preserve the integrity of Creation.

Preparedness and Preservation

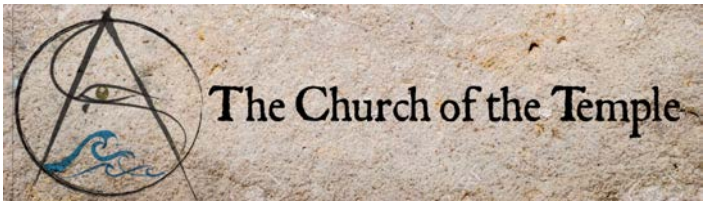
The Church encourages members to maintain wholesome food, clean water, effective water purification, and emergency provisions so that natural disasters, infrastructure failures, or human events do not force families to abandon their religious dietary and health practices.

Preparedness is stewardship—responsibly caring for the Temple and for those entrusted to us.

Our Sacred Responsibility

Our bodies are vessels of the Holy Spirit and are to be honored accordingly.

Divine Intelligence is not something humanity manufactures.



It is already within us.

The same Intelligence expressed throughout Nature is expressed within the human Biological Terrain, continually organizing, adapting, repairing, renewing, and sustaining life.

Our sacred responsibility is therefore to preserve the Temple, remove interference, restore what has been depleted, nourish the Biological Terrain with what God provides through Nature, and live in such a way that Body, Mind, and Soul remain aligned with the Divine Intelligence within.

We seek to bring the inner and the outer into alignment.

We seek to preserve our Divine Nature and return continually toward our Divine Pattern.

We seek to care for Creation because Creation sustains us.

We seek God through Spirit and recognize God's Intelligence throughout Nature and within the living Temple of the human body.

The Church of the Temple exists to reunite Human Biology with God and Nature.

This is our religious practice.

This is the means by which we choose healing.

This is how we honor the Body as the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Genita M. Mason, L.M.P., H.H.P., N.C.
Licensed Ecclesiastic Medical Provider
Minister/Founder and Medical Director
The Church of the Temple
Austin, Texas