



Organizations of the Scientology Religion



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Scientologists come together in a worldwide hierarchical religious community. The structure of this community is an important, functional part of the Scientology religion. Because Scientology Scripture requires that its religious

practices be ministered in an orthodox manner, the hierarchical structure helps ensure that individual churches receive the support and guidance needed to do this. All Scientologists are thus assured of an orthodox religious observance in every church around the world.

This ecclesiastical structure also helps unify and align a multitude of diverse activities in addition to the core religious services of auditing and training — such as proselytization, ecclesiastical management, relay of communication, production of dissemination materials, and many other functions. Thus, the Scientology religious community is united not only by shared beliefs and practices, but also by an organizational form uniquely suited to forwarding its religious mission.

This structure also helps bring parishioners together in other ways, such as annual celebrations of Scientology holidays, including the founder's birthday and a day set aside to acknowledge the works of ministers. Tens of thousands attend such occasions, which are hosted by churches at all levels of the hierarchy.

THE SCIENTOLOGY ECCLESIASTICAL HIERARCHY

The ecclesiastical hierarchy of Scientology is made up of hundreds of churches and missions (the smallest churches of the religion), which minister Scientology religious services to their parishioners. There are also churches across the world that provide ecclesiastical management and support services to other churches. Individual churches are housed in their own distinct non-profit corporations or associations, which provide a legal framework from which to

conduct their day-to-day affairs in relation to the secular society.

The Church of Scientology International is the Mother Church of the Scientology religion. As such, it is the most senior ecclesiastical management body for the religion throughout the world.

Church of Scientology International's primary function is to coordinate the activities of the churches, missions and field ministers which form the hierarchy, and to ensure they are working in harmony toward Scientology's ultimate goal of creating a better civilization.

The Mother Church furthers this religious purpose by guiding, supporting and coordinating activities throughout the hierarchy on matters concerning the ministry of religious services, training of clergy and other staff, dissemination and ecclesiastical administration as well as social betterment activities.

Church of Scientology International also sees to the publication and distribution of Scientology Scripture throughout the world through two publishing houses, one located in the United States and the other in Denmark, and one internal division, Golden Era Productions, which produces religious films, videotapes, audio tapes and laser discs at its own film studio.

The churches that provide religious services to parishioners are arranged in a hierarchy that reflects the gradient nature of the religion's spiritual levels. As discussed below, Scientology religious services are ministered by independent field ministers and churches of all sizes.

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The Church's Volunteer Ministers, using Scientology technology, lend assistance to those in need to improve their lives and have provided tens of thousands of hours of assistance for those less fortunate.

FIELD MINISTERS

At the first level of the Scientology ecclesiastical hierarchy are the individual ministers of Scientology who do not serve on the staff of a church or mission. These field ministers provide introductory religious services to their families, friends and members of their communities. They minister auditing and provide their parishioners marriage counseling, help in overcoming drug problems, assist in dealing with basic distress of life, and are involved in the many other aspects one traditionally associates with a community ministry.

Field auditors sometimes join together to form Auditors Associations or Dianetics Counseling Groups, thereby expanding their activities to include organized lectures, seminars and other means of proselytization.

MISSIONS

Scientology missions reach out into their communities to bring new people into contact with Scientology and encourage their spiritual advancement through the higher levels of the religion. Missions minister basic Scientology religious services including the lower levels of auditing and introductory training.

Missions often are established in parts of the world which are new to Scientology, where they engage in missionary and dissemination activities on a broad scale. Scientology missions can be found in nations from Russia to India, Canada to Chile and from Ghana to Malaysia.

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Church of Scientology of Tokyo.



Church of Scientology of Milan.



The Founding Church of Scientology in Washington, D.C., offers a spiritual center for business and government leaders in the nation's capital.



CLASS V CHURCHES

Class V churches minister beginning and intermediate religious services and have the authority to train and ordain ministers. These churches are so named because the highest level of training they provide is designated “Class V” within the progression of Scientology religious services. Class V churches generally are much larger than field groups and missions, and therefore act as the hub for their community of Scientologists. They are a place where Scientologists from all walks of life can gather to share common experiences. Scientologists attend their churches to participate in auditing and training as well as Sunday services, weddings, funerals and naming services, regular Friday evening gatherings and the celebration of Scientology holidays. Some churches, called Celebrity Centres, have congregations composed primarily of artists, professionals or community leaders, although, like all other Class V churches, their doors are open to anyone.

Scientology churches are sustained through the contributions of their parishioners. They are supported by the donations their parishioners make in order to participate in specific religious services. These donations are used exclusively to advance the religious, charitable and other public benefit activities that churches of Scientology carry out.



Located in the heart of Hollywood, the Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre International is an oasis for artists seeking spiritual freedom through application of the technologies of Dianetics and Scientology.

SAINT HILL AND ADVANCED ORGANIZATIONS

The original Saint Hill Church is located in East Grinstead, Sussex, England, where Mr. Hubbard resided from 1959 to 1966. Here, he made some of his most significant discoveries on the nature of the mind and spirit and regularly released these in daily lectures attended by advanced students of Scientology who had come from around the globe to study under him. Today this body of scripture, known as the Saint Hill Special Briefing Course, is the most extensive auditor training course in Scientology and comprises nearly 450 recorded lectures as well as other written materials.

There are now Saint Hill Churches in Copenhagen, Los Angeles and Sydney. The next level above Class V churches, in addition to ministering the advanced training services of the Saint Hill Special Briefing Course, these Churches also minister some of the most advanced levels of auditing.

Scientology Advanced Organizations minister very advanced levels of auditing and training, including the first levels of Operating Thetan. Advanced Organizations are located in Los Angeles, East Grinstead, Copenhagen and Sydney.

Saint Hill churches and Advanced Organizations generally minister to Scientologists from the missions and Class V churches in their respective continental areas, although Scientologists may choose to attend any one they wish.



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Church of Scientology Advanced Organizations and Saint Hills provide services to parishioners around the world. Pictured counter clockwise from the top are the Advanced Organization/Saint Hill in East Grinstead, England; the Advanced Organization of Los Angeles, California; the American Saint Hill Organization of Los Angeles; and the Advanced Organization/Saint Hill Europe in Copenhagen, Denmark.





The Flag Service Organization in Clearwater, Florida, occupies more than 30 buildings. The Fort Harrison (above) is a religious retreat for parishioners who come from around the world. Here, parishioners participate in advanced auditing levels, some of which are available only at this Church of Scientology.

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY FLAG SERVICE ORGANIZATION

At the next higher level of the Scientology religious hierarchy is Church of Scientology Flag Service Organization, located in Clearwater, Florida, the largest single Church of Scientology in the world.

The “Flag” in this church’s name originates from its beginnings in 1967 aboard the *Apollo*, which served as the flagship of a small fleet of ships used in the 1960s and 1970s as religious retreats and training vessels. The name was maintained as tradition when this church moved ashore.

This church ministers the highest levels of auditor training, and Class V churches and missions regularly send their staff there for this special training. The Church of Scientology Flag Service Organization also ministers auditing services, including very advanced OT levels.

Known as the “mecca” of Scientology, this church is the spiritual headquarters for Scientologists from all over the world who travel there to participate in religious services in its unique environment. It has approximately 800 staff, many of whom are fluent in several languages to make it possible to minister to its international congregation.

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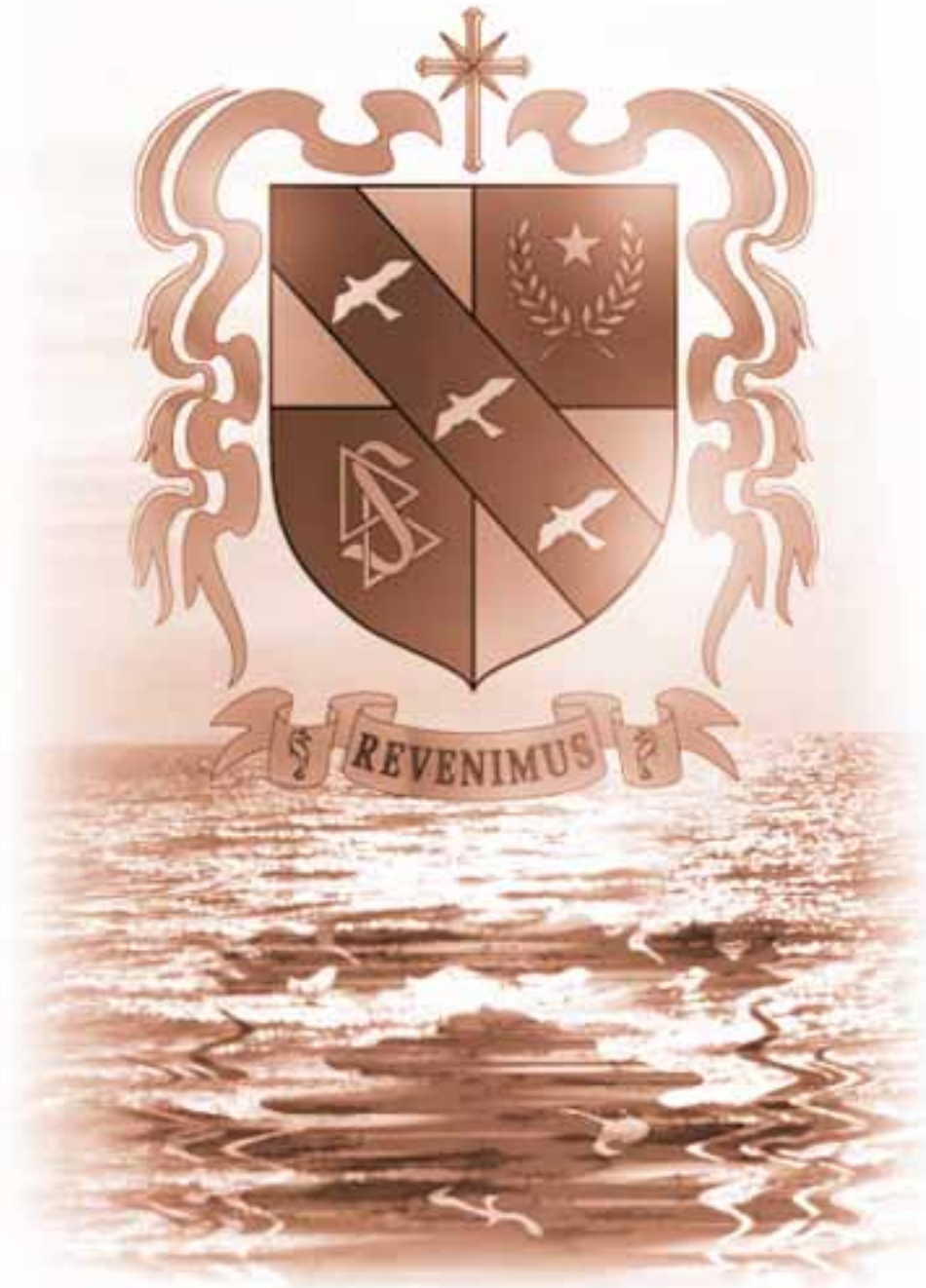
The highest levels of Scientology auditing are made available to parishioners aboard the 440-foot Motor Vessel Freewinds, home of the Church of Scientology Flag Ship Service Organization.

CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY FLAG SHIP SERVICE ORGANIZATION

At the next level of the hierarchy is Church of Scientology Flag Ship Service Organization, which ministers the highest level of Scientology auditing as well as special Scientology religious courses not available elsewhere. This church is also unique in that it conducts its services aboard the Motor Vessel *Freewinds*, a 440-foot ship based in the Caribbean. The *Freewinds* serves as the ideal religious retreat where parishioners may devote their full attention to spiritual advancement in a complete Scientology environment.

STAFF OF SCIENTOLOGY ORGANIZATIONS

Local churches and missions of Scientology are administered by Scientologists who have dedicated themselves to full-time service to their religion. Staff duties vary considerably, although all positions directly or indirectly support the ministry of Scientology religious services to parishioners. Some staff are responsible for maintenance, others for dissemination. Some serve executive functions. Others directly offer the services of Scientology: the course supervisors who minister Dianetics and Scientology training and the auditors



The most dedicated staff within the Church are members of the Sea Organization, so named because its original members lived and worked aboard a small fleet of ships. The Sea Organization Coat of Arms symbolizes the dedication of that religious order to the aims of Scientology. The motto “Revenimus,” meaning “We come back,” underscores the eternal commitment of the individual Sea Org member to the Scientology religion.

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who provide religious counseling. These staff obviously are important to the ministry of the religion, but they could not perform their responsibilities without the support of all the other staff of the church. Clearly, all staff of a Scientology church are dedicated individuals who hold their positions with a view toward serving their fellow man.

THE SEA ORGANIZATION

The most dedicated staff within the Church are members of the Sea Organization (or “Sea Org”), a fraternal religious order numbering more than 5,000 internationally. The Sea Org, an unincorporated association with no formal or informal ecclesiastical or secular structure, is a religious fellowship with a unique tradition. It began in 1967 when, after having resigned from all corporate and management positions, L. Ron Hubbard set to sea with a handful of experienced Scientologists to continue his research on advanced levels of auditing. Sea Org members originally lived and worked aboard a small fleet of ships, headed by its flagship, the *Apollo*.

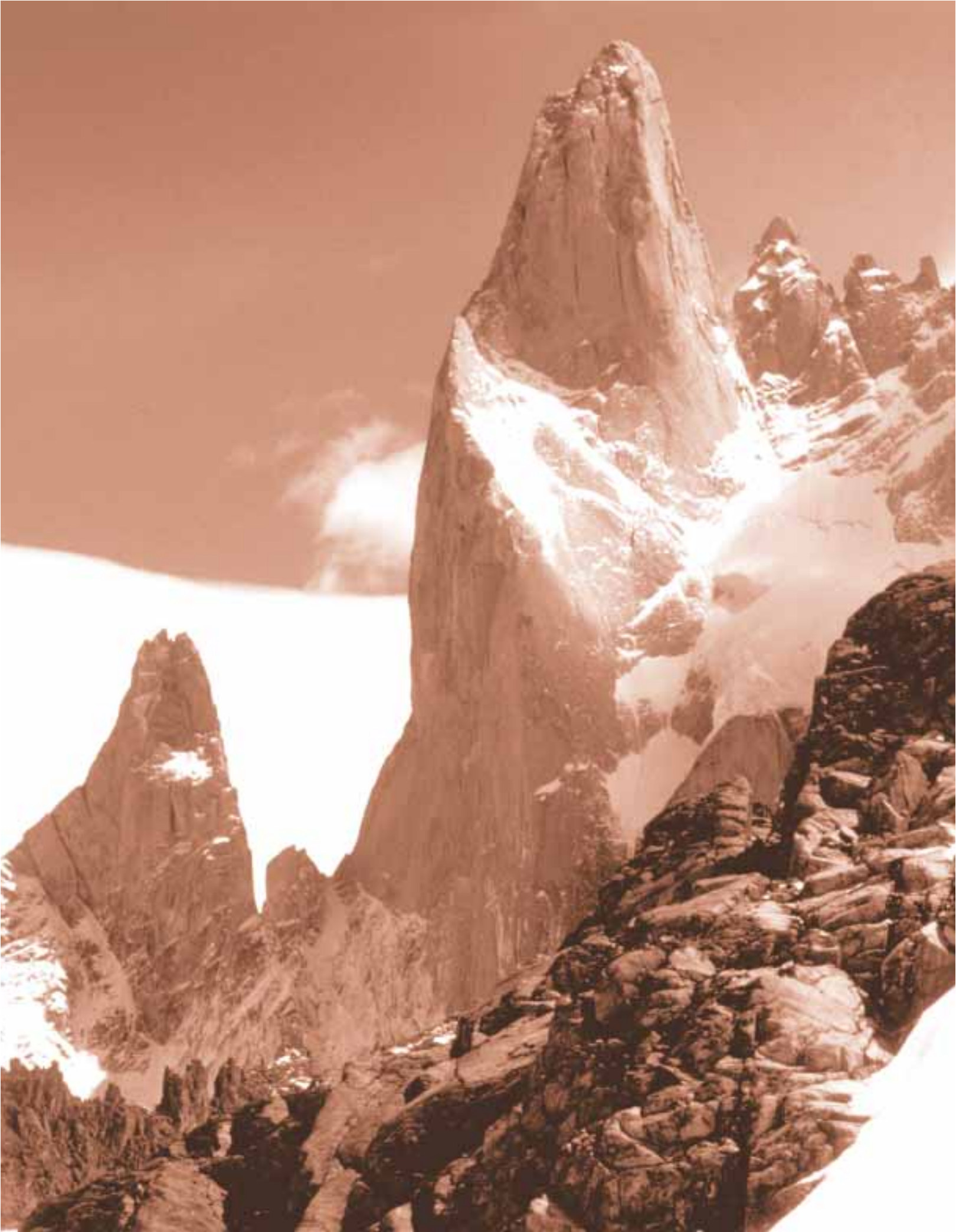
As the Sea Org grew, it expanded to land bases such as the Advanced Organizations in Los Angeles and Denmark. Today, Sea Org members continue to care for the upper levels of Scientology, and so all church organizations above the level of Class V are staffed by Sea Organization members.

The main quality setting Sea Org members apart from other Scientology staff is their eternal commitment to the religion. Sea Org members sign a billion-year covenant, a pledge which has an intensely personal and deeply religious significance to a Scientologist. Sea Org members also share a unique tradition and lifestyle. They live communally in church-provided housing and eat in common dining halls. They receive only modest compensation for their work. But material remuneration is of little importance to members of the Sea Org. They view the privilege of serving their religion at the highest and most dedicated levels as the greatest reward they can ever receive.

Sea Org members are held in high esteem by all Scientologists who recognize the important role they play in the religion.

CONCLUSION

Scientology churches and their related organizations operate exclusively to accomplish the purposes and aims of the religion. They are staffed by committed individuals who apply Scientology Scripture both in administrative activities and in the ministry of religious services. These churches are always open to all and are there to help. They form the focus of religious life for the communities of Scientologists they serve, providing for the salvation of the individual and the means to achieve Scientology’s broader goals in society.



RELIGIOUS TECHNOLOGY CENTER



While Church of Scientology International and the churches, missions and field auditor groups which comprise the hierarchy of the religion carry out the traditional function of churches — the ministry of religious services and ecclesiastical management — there is another Church of Scientology that has a unique role in maintaining the very foundation of the religion. That church is Religious Technology Center, which performs the essential function of preserving, maintaining and protecting the orthodoxy of the Scientology religion for eternity.

Monitoring and enforcing the purity of the Scripture is no small task. Historically, almost every religion has experienced periods of growth that have been accompanied by alterations of religious doctrine and practice, sometimes even outright departure from its initial mission.

Initially, Mr. Hubbard personally oversaw the orthodox practice of Scientology. As an integral part of that endeavor, he also registered as trademarks many of the religion's identifying words and symbols, including the word Scientology. These registered marks provided a legal mechanism for ensuring that the Scientology religious technologies could be ministered in exact accordance with the Scripture and not altered by misappropriation or improper use.

In 1982, Mr. Hubbard donated these religious marks to the newly formed Religious Technology Center and entrusted it with the responsibility of protecting the religion of Scientology by enforcing the pure and ethical use and orthodox practice of his religious technologies. Religious Technology Center thus maintains the purity of the Scientology technology and guards against any misuse or misrepresentation by legally registering, and where necessary enforcing, certain Scientology words and symbols as religious trademarks and service marks in countries around the world.

Religious Technology Center is not involved in the day-to-day affairs of churches. Its sole concern is protecting the technology of Scientology so it can always be properly ministered.

THE SCIENTOLOGY
MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATION

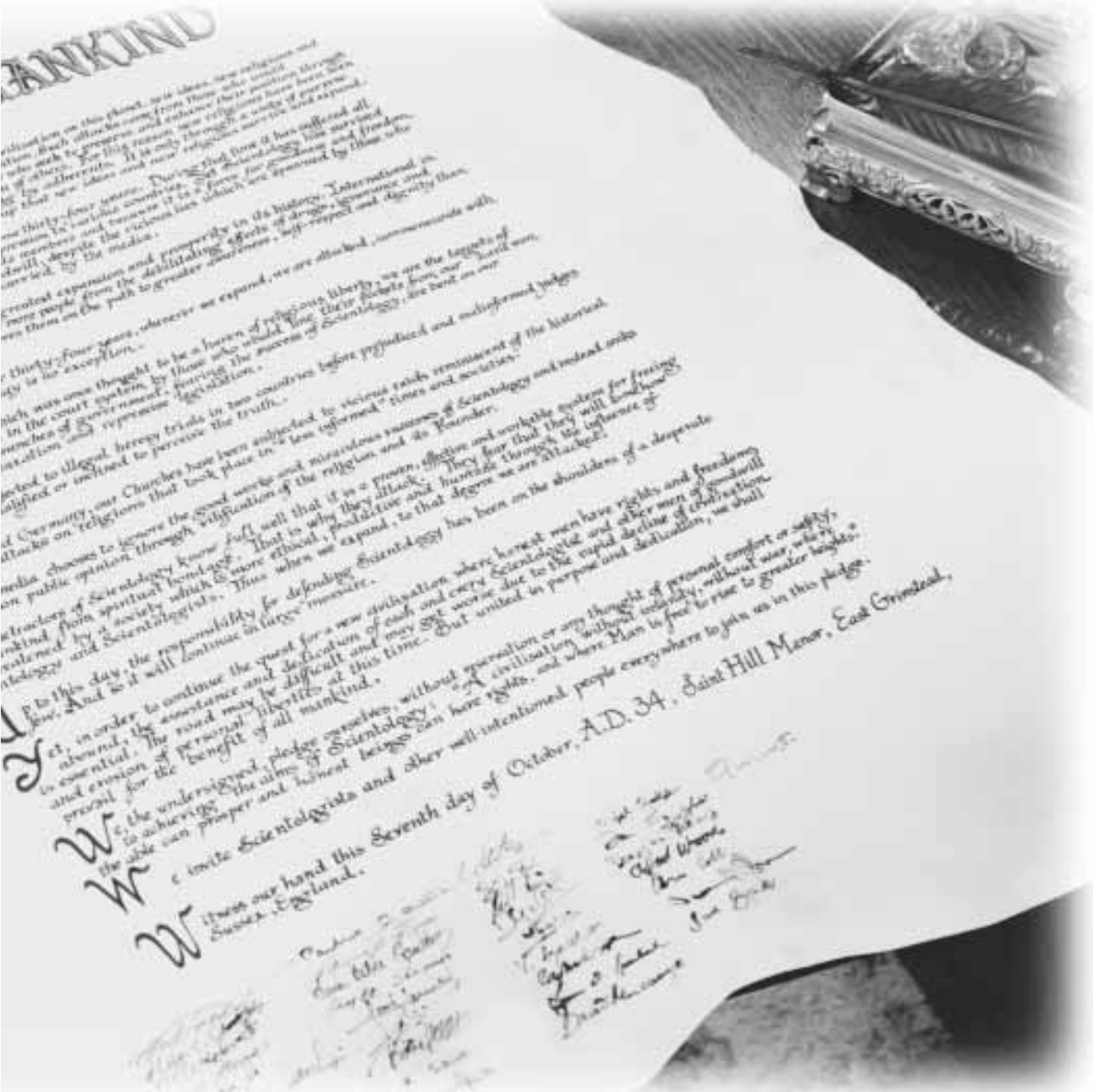


The International Association of Scientologists (“IAS”) is the international membership organization for Scientologists. It is composed of individuals, churches of Scientology and national associations of Scientology. The IAS, through its own activities and that of its members, embodies the concept of an international religious community.

The purpose of the IAS is to unite, advance, support and protect the Scientology religion in all parts of the world so the Aims of Scientology can be achieved. It also supports churches of Scientology and individual Scientologists who have undertaken special projects to improve their communities or the world in general, particularly projects that further religious freedom. The IAS ensures that the religion is adequately defended and protected so that Scientologists everywhere can carry forth and achieve their mission of spiritual salvation. The IAS unites Scientologists around the world in activities that promote Scientology’s aims, bringing freedom and hope to the peoples of earth.



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In October 1984, Scientologists from many countries met at Saint Hill in England and formed the International Association of Scientologists. They signed the Pledge to Mankind, dedicating themselves to achieving the aims of Scientology — “A civilization without insanity, without criminals and without war, where the able can prosper and honest beings can have rights, and where man is free to rise to greater heights, are the aims of Scientology.”