

Community of Christ

Official Actions of the 2013 World Conference

Graceland University Board of Trustees

The following persons were elected April 14, 2013, to the Graceland University Board of Trustees. In 2014, they will begin a six-year term that will expire in 2020.

Ronald E. Gillilan
Cherry M. Hartnett
John R. Sheehy

World Church Finance Board Members

The following persons were sustained April 14, 2013, to the World Church Finance Board for a six-year term expiring June 30, 2019:

Durkje (Ditty) Bokma
Darwyn Copa Caceres
Stephen E. Dunagan
Cynthia C. Hatch
Marjorie G. Martens
M. Lucia Piehi
Eric L. Cox
Paul R. Ferrett
Kathleen (Kat) Hnatyshyn
Brian J. Johnson
Catherine C. Mambwe
Mark E. Megee
Masafumi Ono
Martha A. Owaga
Shelby J. Williams

Community of Christ Seminary Advisory Board Members

The following persons were approved April 14, 2013, as members of the Community of Christ Seminary Advisory Board for six-year terms to expire in 2019:

Katherine R. Goheen
Matthew J. Frizzell
David J. Howlett

President of Seventy

On April 13, 2013, the call of Adam R. Wade to the office of president of seventy and member of the Council of Presidents of Seventy was approved unanimously by a joint session of the Quorums of Seventy. On April 14, 2013, the Conference approved the call.

Standing High Council Members

The following high priests were approved by Conference action April 14, 2013, and they were set apart as members of the council April 16, 2013:

Warwick T. (Rick) Sarre by Sharon M. Kirkpatrick and Scott A. Roberson
Lynn R. Wilson by Dennis R. Clinefelter and David M. Byrn

Counselors to the President of the Quorum of High Priests

On April 14, 2013, the Quorum of High Priests approved the selection of Matthew J. Frizzell and David J. Waring as counselors to the president of the Quorum of High Priests. On April 14, 2013, the Conference approved the selections and authorized they be set apart.

Letter of Counsel Regarding the Presiding Quorums

Each council, quorum, order, mass meeting, and caucus gave consideration and overwhelming support to the calls indicated in the letter of counsel. On April 14, 2013, votes were taken on each call, and they were approved.

First Presidency Ruling of Items G-4 and G-6

On April 15, 2013, Item G-4 “Basic Beliefs” and Item G-6 “USA Immigration Policy” were ruled out of order. (For ruling statement, see minutes of April 15, 2013.)

First Presidency Ruling on Item G-5

On April 15, 2013, Item G-5 “Congregational Theological Education” was ruled out of order. (For ruling statement, see minutes of April 15, 2013.)

WCR 1299 Common Consent (Adopted April 15, 2013)

Whereas, Common consent must acknowledge the Enduring Principle of the equal worth of all members of the church; and

Whereas, The principle of common consent is a legislative principle to guide the membership of the church in either assenting or dissenting to matters of action considered by legislative assemblies; and

Whereas, The “operational principles” presented in our official statement on common consent may cause as much confusion as clarification; and

Whereas, Administrators at all legislative levels need guidance when presiding at legislative gatherings, to enable and guarantee that common consent actually occurs; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the First Presidency appoint a committee composed of church administrators and non-administrative members (congregational, mission center, and/or World Church), to review the principle of common consent, including our current official statement, but not limited thereto; to review, clarify, revise, and recommend changes that clarify the roles of presiders and participants in our legislative assemblies at all organizational levels in the church, especially the voting processes to be used and avoided when making decisions, and report to the next World Conference.

WCR 1300 Drinking of Intoxicants (Adopted April 15, 2013) (Rescinds WCR 297)

Whereas, GCR 297, which states, “Inasmuch as some of the members of this church are in the habit of visiting saloons and drinking intoxicants, which habit seems to hinder the spread of the work, therefore be it”

“*Resolved*, That...it be made a test of fellowship for any member of this church who will persist in this practice” reflects a time in history of intense discussion about temperance and prohibition in the United States; and

Whereas, The population of the church was predominantly North American when GCR 297 became binding on the church, and Community of Christ is now an international community, represented by diverse cultures from many nations; and

Whereas, In some jurisdictions of the church, pastors and administrators have verbally advised priesthood that the use of alcohol is no longer prohibited, causing a loss of authority for our written policy; and

Whereas, The perceived integrity of Community of Christ is compromised when our actual practices do not conform to our written policies and resolutions, and this loss of perceived integrity can be harmful to our witness of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, Community of Christ has shifted theologically from a works-based understanding to grace-based understanding; and

Whereas, Community of Christ is moving from a rule-based system of ethics to a principle-based system of ethics; and

Whereas, GCR 933 acknowledges the Word of Wisdom as the health program for the church; and

Whereas, GCR 1085 provides ethical principles guiding standards of personal conduct for all cultures throughout Community of Christ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That GCR 297 be rescinded; and be it further

Resolved, That the World Conference request the First Presidency give the church contemporary counsel regarding the interpretation of Section 152:4b, specifically regarding how the consumption of alcohol pertains to Community of Christ's understanding of sin; and be it further

Resolved, That this World Conference request the First Presidency and Council of Twelve Apostles review the policy requiring complete abstinence from alcohol consumption by members of the priesthood, and confirm and/or revise the policy and administrative guidelines so there is a clear understanding of expectations for priesthood on this issue throughout the church.

WCR 1301 Baptism and Membership (Adopted April 15, 2013)

Whereas, Community of Christ's *We Share* document states that "Christ's mission is our mission" and calls the church to "Invite People to Christ"; and

Whereas, Our Enduring Principles of Grace and Generosity, Worth of All Persons, All Are Called, Unity in Diversity, and Blessings of Community speak directly to relationship with Christ and all of Christ's people; and

Whereas, Growth in discipleship is a lifelong journey in response to God's grace, which has led "...some people already committed to Jesus Christ through Christian baptism to further focus their response through church membership" (Doctrine and Covenants 164:2b); and

Whereas, Many of these committed Christians embrace their previous baptism as the first step on their journey as a disciple of Christ; and

Whereas, While recent policy changes affirm some previous baptisms, the majority of the world's Christians, having been baptized before the age of 8, are excluded from becoming members of the church without rebaptism, (Baptism, Confirmation, and Church Membership Policy, effective September 1, 2011); and

Whereas, "The redemptive action of God in Christ—while uniquely and authoritatively expressed through the church—is not confined solely to the church," (Doctrine and Covenants 164:2a); and

Whereas, The Enduring Principle of Continuing Revelation recognizes our ongoing need "to understand God's will for our lives, the church, and creation more completely" on our journey of discipleship; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the World Conference request the First Presidency to continue exploration of the issue of rebaptism specifically in regard to those baptized by other Christian denominations before the age of 8 in light of the insights brought to the church through recent

revelatory experience, including a review of the present policy based on historical, scriptural, theological, and experiential grounds; and be it further

Resolved, That the World Conference request the First Presidency to provide periodic updates on ongoing discernment as the church continues to reflect on the issues of church membership and to issue a formal report of its exploration no later than the next World Conference.

WCR 1302 Supporting Indigenous and Minority Peoples (Adopted April 16, 2013)

Whereas, The World Church has previously committed to peace efforts in our struggle to heal the causes of violence, war, prejudice, discrimination, greed, hunger and oppression, and to “uphold the sanctity of every person as a divine gift from God” and to support “individual and group dignity and freedom, and by opposing oppression and tyranny” (World Conference Resolutions 1161, 1177, 1205 and 1227); and

Whereas, Invasions and colonization of lands has caused death, injustice, and oppression to indigenous peoples and non-indigenous peoples in many nations; and

Whereas, The World Council of Churches (WCC) Executive Committee, during its February 2012 meeting in Bossey, Switzerland, expressed “solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples of the world and supported the rights of Indigenous Peoples to live in and retain their traditional lands and territories, to maintain and enrich their cultures, and to ensure that their traditions are strengthened and passed on for generations to come;” and

Whereas, Community of Christ is “...called to create pathways in the world for peace...” (Doctrine and Covenants 163:3a), to “...challenge cultural, political, and religious trends that are contrary to the reconciling and restoring purposes of God...” (Doctrine and Covenants 163:3b), and to restore “...persons to healthy or righteous relationships with God, others, (and) themselves...” (Doctrine and Covenants 163:2b); and

Whereas, the Worth of All Persons, Blessings of Community, and Unity in Diversity are components in our Enduring Principles, which advocate harmony, mutual respect, equality, and understanding; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Community of Christ encourage its members to become aware of issues relating to injustice and oppression against indigenous and minority groups and educate themselves about the history, causes, and processes of cultural and racial injustice; and be it further

Resolved, That the World Conference expresses solidarity with the indigenous peoples of the world to live in and retain their currently held and contractually designated by treaty lands and territories, to maintain and enrich their cultures, and to strengthen their traditions that can be passed on for generations to come; and be it further

Resolved, That Community of Christ support the involvement of indigenous peoples in theological reflections, which promote indigenous visions of full, good, and abundant life and which strengthen their own spiritual and theological reflections;”

Resolved, That where culturally appropriate, Community of Christ members become advocates for the voiceless and oppressed by bringing about reconciliation between dominant and minority cultures, and to empower indigenous peoples to identify their own aspirations and issues of concern; be it further

Resolved, That in daily life, speech, and action, members of Community of Christ live out to the best of their abilities the principles of Worth of All Persons, Blessings of Community, and Unity in Diversity with respect to dominant, indigenous, and minority cultures so the peoples of the world can move toward harmony, mutual respect, equality, and understanding.

WCR 1303 Action toward Nuclear-weapons Abolition (Adopted April 16, 2013)

Whereas, Pursuit of Peace (Shalom), Sacredness of Creation, and Responsible Choices are three of the identified Enduring Principles, and Pursue Peace on Earth and Abolish Poverty, End Suffering are two of the identified Mission Initiatives of the church; and

Whereas, Doctrine and Covenants 163:3b urges, “Above all else, strive to be faithful to God’s vision of the peaceable kingdom of God on earth. Courageously challenge cultural, political, and religious trends that are contrary to the reconciling and restoring purposes of God. Pursue Peace”; and

Whereas, The potential for mass destruction of humanity and poisoning of air, water, land, and Earth’s living creatures make the existence of nuclear weapons a moral as well as political concern; and

Whereas, Many within the international community, including security and defense experts, politicians, diplomats, and members of the military want a decrease in nuclear weapons, yet the access of such weapons continues to spread, increasing the danger of their use by accident or design; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Community of Christ affirms nuclear weapons pose a grave threat to the Earth and existence of life; and be it further

Resolved, That Community of Christ join the global voices seeking to halt nuclear weapons production, support prudent action to minimize the threat or use of nuclear weapons, and urge renewed efforts toward eradication; and be it further

Resolved, That wherever practical, Community of Christ convey its support for the responsible reduction and eventual eradication of nuclear weapons, urging policy to that end by all nations; and be it further

Resolved, That the Peace and Justice and Earth Stewardship teams be empowered and supported in

1. sharing resources for education and dialogue that advance awareness of toxicity to the Earth, encouraging and supporting membership action on non-proliferation and elimination of nuclear weapons;
2. encouraging justice, peace and reconciliation training, and activities that educate concerning the complexities of nuclear disarmament and international strategic deterrence issues;
3. networking across the church, including access to the church’s website, periodicals, and social media; and
4. connecting and encouraging the many individuals of Community of Christ and its affiliates such as PeacePathways, as well as advocates throughout the world committed to a peaceful, safe, and secure, nuclear weapons-free world; and be it further

Resolved, That progress toward these aims together with recommendations for further initiatives be reported to the 2016 World Conference.

Officers of the Council of Twelve Apostles

On April 17, 2013, the Council of Twelve Apostles met in a session presided over by President Stephen M. Veazey for the purpose of electing the officers of the Council of Twelve. Apostle Linda L. Booth was elected president of the council, and Apostle Ronald D. Harmon Jr. was elected secretary of the council. On April 17, 2013, the Conference sustained Apostle Booth as president of the Council of Twelve Apostles.

Council of Twelve Assignments

Linda L. Booth

President, Council of Twelve Apostles

Southern USA Mission Field

Alabama-Northwest Florida USA Mission Center

Florida USA Mission Center

Gulf USA Mission Center

Mid-South USA Mission Center

Southeast USA Mission Center

Director of Communications

Ronald D. Harmon Jr.

Secretary, Council of Twelve Apostles

Western USA Mission Field

Greater Pacific Northwest USA Mission Center

Sierra Pacific USA Mission Center

Southern California USA Mission Center

Southwest International (USA/Mexico) Mission Center

Arizona USA Mission Center

Inland West USA Mission Center

Rocky Mountain USA Mission Center

Congregational Leadership Development

Mareva M. Arnaud Tchong

Pacific Mission Field

French Polynesia Mission Centre

Pacific Islands Mission Centre

J. Andrew Bolton

Asia Mission Field

East Asia Mission Center

South Central Asia Mission Center

Southeast Asia Mission Center

Indigenous Peoples Ministry

Barbara L. Carter

North East USA Mission Field

Bountiful USA Mission Center

Brush Creek USA Mission Center

Cedar Valley-Nauvoo USA Mission Center

Chicago USA Mission Center

Eastern Great Lakes USA Mission Center

Kentucky-Indiana USA Mission Center

Western Ohio USA Mission Center

Chesapeake Bay USA Mission Center

Mid-Atlantic USA Mission Center

New England USA Mission Center

SPECTACULAR and International Youth Forum

Bunda C. Chibwe

Africa and Haiti Mission Field
Haiti Mission Center
Congo Katanga Mission Center
Ivory Coast-Liberia Mission Center
Kenya Mission Centre
Malawi Mission Centre
Nigeria Mission Center
South Central Africa Mission Centre
West Congo Kinshasa Mission Center

Stassi D. Cramm

North Central USA/Canada Mission Field
Central USA Mission Center
Midlands USA Mission Center
Far West USA Mission Center
Lamoni-Heartland USA Mission Center
Michigan USA/Canada Mission Center
Prairie Bluffs USA Mission Center
Headwaters USA Mission Center
Gateway USA Mission Center
Campus Ministry

Richard C.N. James

Eurasia Mission Field
British Isles Mission Centre
Western Europe Mission Center
Eurasia Mission Centre

Rick W. Maupin

Caribbean/Mexico Mission Field
Caribbean Mission Center
Dominican Republic Mission Center
Mexico-Texas (Mexico/USA) Mission Center
Special Mission Project with the Multinations Team of Apostles

Carlos Enrique Mejia

Central and South America Mission Field
Central America Mission Center
Brazil Mission Center
Southern Cone of South America Mission Center
Northwest South America Mission Center

Susan D. Oxley

Canada and Australia Mission Field
Canada East Mission Centre
Canada West Mission Centre
Australia Mission Centre

Arthur E. Smith

South Central USA Mission Field
Heart of Texas USA Mission Center
Coastal Bend USA Mission Center
Oklahoma USA Mission Center
Rio Grande USA Mission Center
Ark-La-Tex USA Mission Center
Central Missouri USA Mission Center
South Central States USA Mission Center

Statement on Assignments of Other World Church Officers

Scott Murphy, as a member of the First Presidency, also will serve as the director of Field Ministries. This means he is the supervisor of the individual apostles in their field assignments. This assignment was made in consultation with the Council of Twelve and with its full support. The reasons for making this assignment are to allow all members of the Council of Twelve to have a field assignment to provide maximum support to the ministries of the church and to maintain as much stability as possible in apostolic assignments.

In addition to serving in the Presiding Bishopric, Jim Poirier will continue to serve as bishop of Canada. He will allocate 50 percent of his time as a member of the Presiding Bishopric and 50 percent of his time as bishop of Canada, continuing to reside in Canada.

In addition to serving in the Presiding Bishopric, Steven Graffeo, will continue to serve as director of Human Resource Ministries for up to one year. He will allocate approximately 30 percent of his time as a counselor to the presiding bishop and approximately 70 percent of his time as Human Resource Ministries director. The primary reasons for Brother Graffeo continuing as Human Resource director are to complete several major studies related to Human Resource Ministries issues and to allow time for a comprehensive search for his replacement as Human Resource Ministries director.

Independent Auditor’s Report

The independent auditor’s report was approved by the Conference on April 17, 2013.

Mission Initiative Budget Projections

The Conference approved the following budget projections April 17, 2013, which cover the inter-Conference period from fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014–June 30, 2015) through fiscal year 2017 (July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017).

Mission Initiative Budget Projections:

Fiscal Year 2015	\$27,730,000
Fiscal Year 2016	\$27,730,000
Fiscal Year 2017	\$28,260,000

WCR 1304 Baptismal Prayers (Adopted April 17, 2013) (Rescinds WCR 48)

Whereas, The First Presidency has been involved in discussions for some time about the church’s prescribed baptismal statement; and

Whereas, There are significant scriptural, theological, sacramental, and translations issues to be carefully reviewed when considering any alternatives to the baptism prayer prescribed in Doctrine and Covenants 17:21(c); now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the World Conference requests the First Presidency, as leading teachers and interpreters of scripture and church law, to develop an optional alternative baptismal statement that is sensitive to inclusive language and translation concerns while maintaining scriptural, theological, and sacramental integrity throughout the church; and be it further

Resolved, That WCR 48 be rescinded.

Assignments of Presidents of Seventy

Quorum 10—John S. Wight

Senior President of Seventy
North Central USA/Canada Mission Field

Quorum 1—Urbain M. Mbenga

Africa and Haiti Mission Field

Quorum 2—Amson Mallick

Asia Mission Field

Quorum 3—Keith E. McMillan

Eurasia Mission Field

Quorum 4—Larry M. McGuire

North East USA Mission Field

Quorum 5—Karin F. Peter

Southern USA and South Central USA mission fields

Quorum 6—Robin K. Linkhart

Western USA Mission Field

Quorum 7—Luis A. Dias

Central and South America Mission Field

Quorum 8—Ruben D. Landeros

Caribbean/Mexico Mission Field

Quorum 9—Adam R. Wade

Canada and Australia Mission Field
Pacific Mission Field

Dates for the 2016 World Conference (Adopted April 18, 2013)

Whereas, The Bylaws of Community of Christ specify that Conferences meet “as agreed upon by those who constitute their membership” (Article IV, Section 1); therefore, be it

Resolved, That the dates for the next World Conference be June 4–11, 2016.

WCR 1305 Wholeness and Well-being (Adopted April 18, 2013)

Whereas, Since the earliest days of the Restoration movement the concept of wholeness of body, mind, and spirit has been one of our major emphases; and

Whereas, The Basic Beliefs of the church include a sacramental focus on laying on of hands for healing of the sick, and the Enduring Principles of the church lift up Sacredness of Creation and our role as “stewards of care and hope for all creation”; the Worth of All Persons declaring, “God wants all people to experience wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and relationships”; and Responsible Choices, “called to make Responsible Choices within the circumstances of our lives”; and

Whereas, Good health and well-being often enhance the ability to make Responsible Choices and to be actively engaged as a good steward; and

Whereas, Promotion of health-strengthening life habits, including diet, exercise, and spiritual disciplines, can encourage and enable good health and well-being; and

Whereas, Abundant evidence is accumulating around the globe about the inseparability of body, mind, and spirit, and the things that do and do not contribute to good health and well-being; and

Whereas, Pursuing good health and well-being is essentially an individual journey that can be strengthened by the support and encouragement of a community; and

Whereas, The health-related associations of the church, have a long history of addressing the basic needs and wholeness of people; and

Whereas, The World Church website list of online ministry resources has more than 200 links but none directly referencing health, well-being, or wholeness; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the World Church lift up wholeness and well-being to our members and to the world at-large with similar clarity and emphasis as is given to other key principles such as generosity, peace and justice, and community; and be it further

Resolved, That the World Church actively encourage members to engage this quest for well-being and wholeness of body, mind, and spirit, making responsible, healthy choices as their circumstances permit, with priority attention given to children and youth; and be it further

Resolved, That resources be developed with assistance from the Health Ministries Association, the World Church Temple Strategy Team, and others for assisting members to have access to information encouraging health and wholeness, including links between the World Church and Health Ministries Association websites, as well as other websites.

Sustaining of General Officers

The following officers were sustained April 18, 2013:

First Presidency

Stephen M. Veazey, K. Scott Murphy, Becky L. Savage

Presiding Bishopric

Stephen M. Jones, Steven E. Graffeo, James A. Poirier

Council of Twelve Apostles

Linda L. Booth, president; Ronald D. Harmon Jr., secretary

Mareva M. Arnaud Tchong

J. Andrew Bolton

Barbara L. Carter

Bunda C. Chibwe

Stassi D. Cramm

Richard C.N. James

Rick W. Maupin

Carlos Enrique Mejia
Susan D. Oxley
Arthur E. Smith

Presidents of Seventy

John S. Wight, senior president
Luis A. Dias
Ruben D. Landeros
Robin K. Linkhart
Amson Mallick
Urbain M. Mbenga
Larry M. McGuire
Keith E. McMillan
Karin F. Peter
Adam R. Wade

Presiding Evangelist

David R. Brock

President of Quorum of High Priests

Jane M. Gardner

World Church Secretary

Susan D. Sloan

Sustaining Quorums, Councils, and Orders

The following quorums, councils, and orders were sustained April 18, 2013:

Quorum of High Priests
Order of Evangelists
Order of Bishops
Standing High Council
First Quorum of Seventy
Second Quorum of Seventy
Third Quorum of Seventy
Fourth Quorum of Seventy
Fifth Quorum of Seventy
Sixth Quorum of Seventy
Seventh Quorum of Seventy
Eighth Quorum of Seventy
Ninth Quorum of Seventy
Tenth Quorum of Seventy

First Presidency Statements Regarding Legislative Outcomes

Statement Regarding Drinking of Intoxicants

Regarding the resolution on drinking of intoxicants, the Conference took action to rescind GCR 297. GCR 297 was printed correctly. We have obtained a copy of the 1907 General Conference Resolution book and verified that it is printed as it appeared in 1907.

GCR 297 resolved (stated) that whether or not a person drinks intoxicating beverages should be a test of fellowship. That is, if you don't drink intoxicating beverages you can be a church member. If you do drink intoxicating beverages, you cannot be a church member.

To put it more clearly, GCR 297, if it were enforced, states that if a person drinks an alcoholic beverage the person should be excommunicated from the church. Excommunication means the person is designated as a member "not in good standing," is not allowed to vote, and cannot partake of Communion.

The Conference, by rescinding GCR 297, decided excommunicating someone because they drink alcohol is not a requirement.

The other two *Resolves* (actions) approved by the Conference, asked for the First Presidency to provide an interpretation of Doctrine and Covenants 152, which includes a statement about "drinking" being among the "grosser sins" of the world, to conduct a study, and to confirm or revise current policies requiring priesthood to abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages. The current policy has not changed. The action of the Conference calls only for a study to be conducted with a report back to the church about the outcomes of that study.

Statement Regarding Baptism and Membership

The resolution on "baptism and membership" does not change current church policy. It asks only for a study about the issue of infant baptism with a report back to the church by the next World Conference. There is no change in the current policy regarding baptism and membership.

Statement about Baptismal Prayers

President Veazey read the following statement:

I want to be very clear with the World Conference and the church about the statement to use when baptizing. Rescinding WCR (GCR) 48 does not mean that priesthood members are free to develop their own baptismal prayer statements, as some have been speculating.

The resolution G-8A that was approved requests the First Presidency to develop an optional alternative baptismal statement if and when it is led to do so. Until then, the current statement is the only authorized baptismal statement to be used when conducting the sacrament of baptism.

Statement Regarding Supporting Indigenous and Minority Peoples

On behalf of the First Presidency and Council of Twelve Apostles:

We recognize there are some members of the Conference who have been disappointed or offended by the approval of resolution G-3A—Supporting Indigenous and Minority Peoples. We want to assure the Conference that it was never the intention of the Council of Twelve to devalue the voice of the First People or to lessen the advocacy for indigenous peoples reflected in the original G-3.

G-3A was the Council of Twelve's desire to provide advocacy for all indigenous peoples of the world, while also seeking to keep safe other members of our global community. We want to sincerely apologize if our intent offended some members of the body.

Be assured that as the *Resolves* of G-3A speak of expressing our solidarity with indigenous peoples of the world, it is our genuine desire to invite and involve indigenous peoples in giving voice to how the church takes action to respond to the provisions of G-3A.

Following World Conference, the First Presidency and Council of Twelve will begin to consider which World Church teams we will ask to address the actions for G-3A. We will work with indigenous peoples in how to best involve them in our actions as a church.