

## The Path To Clergy

This brief class is written for the Witch School student who wishes to use their Witch School studies as a base from which to apply for legal Clergy status.

This is not an inspirational class about what it means to be Clergy or why one might wish to be Clergy, but rather is a class specifically about the actual process of gaining Clergy standing which carries legal recognition, and the role your Witch School transcript can play in this. The class will explain how you as a Witch School student can apply for legal Clergy standing using your Witch School transcript for credit, and to whom the application can be made.

It is important to emphasize that Witch School is a school, not a church, and as such does not offer legal Clergy status in its own right. Rather, Witch School works with several Wiccan churches that regard Witch School as an “Educational Partner” and which accept Witch School class transcripts in full or partial fulfillment of their Clergy training requirements. For some of these churches it is possible to fulfill all course requirements for Clergy training through Witch School. Others of the churches have additional requirements of their own, which must be fulfilled after application for Clergy status has been made.

Currently all Wiccan churches that accept Witch School course transcripts toward their Clergy training requirements are member churches of the Correllian Tradition of Wicca. This is not because Correllian churches are the only ones Witch School is willing to work with, but rather because Correllian churches are the only ones so far to take advantage of Witch School as an online educational partner.

What is the difference between a Temple that has the standing of a legal church, and one which does not? We are using the term “legal church standing” here to refer to Temples which have incorporated in a legally recognized manner, and have the right to grant legal Clergy standing to their members. These Temples are legally recognized as “churches” having all the rights and privileges that go along with that. Those Correllian Temples that do not have legal church standing in their own right usually work with others that do, most commonly (but not always) the Correll Mother Temple.

The structure of the Correllian Tradition allows differing Temples to set their own requirements for their Clergy, so long as they meet or exceed the minimum standards set by the Correll Mother Temple. Many Temples, whether having the status of legal churches or not, have additional requirements for their own member Clergy. Obviously however, only those Temples that have the status of legal churches can grant legally recognized Clergy status.

Most Witch School students seeking legal Clergy standing apply to the Correll Mother Temple itself, though this is only one of several Correllian churches they can apply to –the full list being given below.

When one applies to a Correllian church for initiatory status as a First Degree, acceptance usually carries legal Clergy status automatically –although some Correllian churches make a distinction between initiatory and legal Clergy standing, most do not. It is important to remember that each of these churches can grant legal Clergy standing only in the country where they are incorporated, or other areas that recognize their legal standing. Initiatory status of course, not having a legal aspect itself, can be granted anywhere.

It is also important to remember that acceptance is not automatic, and that an applicant can be refused or asked for additional training if the Temple in question requires this.

Most of the Correllian churches that can grant legal Clergy status are in the United States, or South Africa. In other parts of the world Correllian Clergy hold initiatory Clergy status rather than legal Clergy status. Initiatory Clergy status allows one to perform the normal functions of a First Degree Cleric as outlined in the lesson materials, while legal Clergy standing may confer additional legally recognized powers depending upon ones location. All Correllian Clergy are enjoined to contact their local Secretary of State (or equivalent) and familiarize themselves with their own local laws in this matter, as local laws vary and also change from time to time.

### **Correllian Churches which accept WS Transcripts**

The following Correllian Temples have legal church status, and accept Witch School class transcripts toward their Clergy training programs:

- \* The Correll Mother Temple -Illinois, United States.
- \* The Temple of Selu -Illinois, United States.
- \* The Temple of Sedna –United Kingdom.
- \* The Temple of the Enchanted Realm/PURE Sanctuary -Illinois, United States.
- \* Northern Lakes Proto-Temple –Wisconsin, United States
- \* The Clan of Kheper Temple –Cape Town, South Africa.

## **Requirements for Clergy Standing in the Correll Mother Temple**

The Clergy standards of the Correll Mother Temple form the baseline Clergy requirements for the entirety of the Correllian Tradition; however individual Temples may have additional requirements as well. Information on any additional requirements for Clergy standing in a given Temple may be found either on their website or by contacting the appropriate person as outlined below.

The Clergy Requirements of the Correll Mother Temple are:

- \* Successful completion of the main body of the Correllian First Degree Lessons.
- \* Successful completion of The Five Mystic Secrets course.
- \* Successful completion of the Correllian Philosophy course.
- \* Successful completion of the Correllian Ministry course.
- \* Successful completion of two essays on subjects assigned by the Mentor.
- \* A recommendation from the Mentor with whom the student studied.
- \* Two forms of photo ID, at least one government issued.

In addition the Correll Mother Temple asks a one-time non-refundable application fee of \$45 US, to help with the running of the Tradition.

To apply for Clergy status with the Correll Mother Temple you may use the automated application at [www.correllian.com](http://www.correllian.com) listed under “applications” in the left hand menu bar, or you may write directly to one of several High Priestess who oversee the Correll Mother Temple Clergy Application Process. These are:

- \* Rev. Virginia Powell, HP (US) at [Virginia@witchschool.com](mailto:Virginia@witchschool.com)
- \* Rev. Anna Rowe, HP (UK) at [applications@sednatemple.co.uk](mailto:applications@sednatemple.co.uk)
- \* Rev. Raene Packery, HP (Africa) at [applications@clanofkheper temple.co.za](mailto:applications@clanofkheper temple.co.za).

Further information about Clergy standing with the Correll Mother Temple can be found at the Tradition website [www.correllian.com](http://www.correllian.com) and at [www.correllian.com/clergyreqs.htm](http://www.correllian.com/clergyreqs.htm)

## **Clergy Standards for other Correllian Temples**

The requirements of the other Correllian churches that accept Witch School transcripts may vary somewhat from the Clergy Requirements of the Correll Mother Temple. Though individual Correllian Churches may not require less, they do sometimes require more from Clergy candidates than the Mother Temple does. Some of these Temples discuss their Clergy Requirements on their websites, while for others you would need to email and enquire about the Clergy Requirements.

### **\* The Temple of Selu**

Headquartered in Hoopeston, Illinois, the Temple of Selu is Headed by High Priestess the Reverend Virginia Powell. At the time of writing, the Clergy Requirements of Selu Temple are identical to those of the Correll Mother Temple.

Website: [www.selutemple.com](http://www.selutemple.com)

Apply to: Rev. Virginia Powell, [Virginia@witchschool.com](mailto:Virginia@witchschool.com)

### **\* The Temple of Sedna**

Headquartered in Suffolk, UK, the Temple of Sedna is Headed by High Priestess the Reverend Anna Rowe. At the time of writing, the Clergy Requirements of Sedna Temple are identical to those of the Correll Mother Temple.

Website: [www.sednatemple.co.uk](http://www.sednatemple.co.uk)

Apply to: Rev. Anna Rowe, [anna@sednatemple.co.uk](mailto:anna@sednatemple.co.uk)

### **\* The Temple of the Enchanted Realm/PURE Sanctuary**

With offices in Hoopeston (Enchanted Realm) and Danville (PURE Sanctuary) Illinois, Enchanted Realm/PURE Sanctuary is Headed jointly by High Priestess the Reverend Reanna Marie (Hoopeston) and High Priest the Reverend Jason Mycroft (Danville). At the time of writing, the Clergy Requirements of Enchanted Realm Temple are identical to those of the Correll Mother Temple.

Website: [www.correllian.com/enchrealm.htm](http://www.correllian.com/enchrealm.htm)

Apply to: Rev. Alexander Ping at [Alexander.ping@gmail.com](mailto:Alexander.ping@gmail.com)

### **\* Northern Lakes Proto-Temple**

Headquartered in southern Wisconsin, Northern Lakes is Headed by Rev. Peter Hertzberg. At the time of writing the Clergy Requirements for Northern Lakes are identical with those of the Correll Mother Temple except for requiring an additional course: to whit Rev. Terry Power's Ethics Course.

Website: [www.northern-lakes.org](http://www.northern-lakes.org)

Apply to: Rev. Peter Hertzberg at [revpeter.Hertzberg@northern-lakes.org](mailto:revpeter.Hertzberg@northern-lakes.org)

## **\* The Clan of Kheper Temple**

Headquartered in Cape Town South Africa, Clan of Kheper Temple is Headed by High Priestess the Reverend Raene Packery. Clan of Kheper Temple holds legal status through the Correllian Nativist Tradition of South Africa, which is an official Religious Organization in South Africa. At the time of writing the Clergy Requirements for Clan of Kheper Temple are identical with those of the Correll Mother Temple except for additional lesson assignments which are compulsory.

In addition the Clan of Kheper Temple asks a one-time non-refundable application fee of R350 payable before you are registered with the Mother Temple and certificates are issued, should your application be successful.

Website: [www.clanofkheper temple.co.za](http://www.clanofkheper temple.co.za)

Apply to: Rev. Raene Packery at [applications@clanofkheper temple.co.za](mailto:applications@clanofkheper temple.co.za)

At the time of writing this concludes the list of Correllian churches that accept Witch School Transcripts toward fulfillment of their Clergy Requirements.

## **Onward**

We hope that this short discussion has helped to clarify the process by which you may, if you choose, apply for legal Clergy standing, and what your choices are in whom to apply to. We hope that in future there will be more legally incorporated churches accepting Witch School transcripts toward their Clergy programs, and welcome any Temples (Correllian or otherwise) that would like to join the list.

If you do choose to apply for Clergy standing, we wish you all success in your application.

May you Blessed Be!