



## Церковь во имя Вознесения Господня Church of the Holy Ascension of Our Lord

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### Religious Exemption from Vaccination Requirements

To Whom It May Concern,

The Church of the Holy Ascension, a recognized religious organization of the Russian Orthodox Old Believer faith, asserts that COVID-19 vaccines are inadmissible due to the use of aborted human fetal cells during research and development of the mRNA vaccines. The Church denounces abortion as a cardinal sin and cannot justify it even if someone may possibly benefit from the destruction of a conceived human life. This practice implicates the pharmaceutical companies involved in this process, not just for the manufacturing of vaccines produced with aborted fetal cells, but for all vaccines produced by these companies. It is an abomination to our religious beliefs; therefore, we shall never under any circumstances be compelled to receive such a vaccine.

Members of the Russian Orthodox Old Believer faith qualify for this exemption based on the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and 42 U.S. Code § 2000a - Prohibition against discrimination or segregation in places of public accommodation, which states "All persons shall be entitled to the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of any place of public accommodation, as defined in this section, without discrimination or segregation on the ground of race, color, religion, or national origin." Failure to uphold 42 U.S. Code § 2000a may be met with legal action.

Respectfully and Sincerely Yours,

Rev. Parfiri Toran, Pastor

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### Affidavit of Exemption on Religious Grounds

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned do hereby swear and affirm that I am a member of the Church of the Holy Ascension in which COVID-19 vaccines are prohibited by our religion. On this basis, vaccination requirements violate our right to freely exercise our religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of The United States of America. I am asserting my rights to an exemption from vaccination requirements.

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 20\_\_\_\_

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