

Declaration

of the “Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ”

Proclaimed and accepted at the Second Convention by the authorized delegates of the “Named Doukhobors”, held at Verigin, Saskatchewan, Canada, from the 29th of July to the 7th of August, 1934, A.D.

1. We, “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ”, have been, are and will be members of Christ’s Church, confirmed by the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Himself and assembled by His Apostles.

2. Members of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” essentially are of the law of God and of the faith of Jesus. The law of God is expounded in the Ten Commandments and the faith is professed thus: We believe in and profess — Jesus Christ the Son of God - Who came in the flesh and was crucified. He is our sole - Leader, Saviour and only Hope.

There is none and could not be any other name under the heavens - through which man ought to be saved. We have faith and hope through His name to attain the highest blessings. There is no higher blessing than “eternal life in unutterable joy”. This is the hope and reward in Christ Jesus and the principle aim of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ”. Following in the footsteps of our Divine Teacher, we, “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” proclaim as did He: we have come into this world not to transgress the law of God, but to fulfill it, and therefore all idolatry and desecration we strongly renounce and acknowledge only the law and supreme authority of God. We, “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ”, having acknowledged and submitted ourselves to the law and authority of God by this have liberated ourselves from the guardianship and power established by men, because: “we cannot serve two masters” and members of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” cannot be slaves of men - having been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Members of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” are not slaves of corruption, but are sons of the Free Spirit of Christ and declare: we ought to submit more to God than to man. We triumphantly declare that we do not allow any force whatever by man over man and even more so the allowance of killing of man or of men by a man or men under no circumstances, causes or arguments whatsoever. Every individual, group of individuals, parties or governments of men, and anyone whoever they may be proclaiming their struggle against war and its

non-allowance but at the same time agreeing and allowing to kill even one individual for the sake of any interests whatsoever, — is a lie and a hypocrisy and nothing but a “leaven of the Pharisees”. The life of one individual is of equal value to the lives of many individuals. The commandment of God states: “Thou shalt not kill”. Christ explains and warns: “No murderer shall inherit Eternal Life”. War — mass slaughter is an item compiled, where the killing of one individual is allowed there the allowance of mass murder is inevitably admitted — which is war.

3. The modern world — mankind, has scattered and divided itself into countless numbers of groups - following the watch-words and programmes of the various political parties. Every political party struggles against each other not for the good and benefit of the people but for dominance over them — with all the consequences as a “diabolical incitement”. Members of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” have never recognized and do not recognize any political party. They have never entered nor will they ever enter into the ranks of any political party. They have never given nor will they ever give their votes during elections, thereby, are free from any responsibility before God or man for the acts of any government established by men. Members of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” essentially are above party politics - they not only gave their votes but their bodies, blood and souls to the One and Unreplaceable — Guardian of the hearts and souls of men— the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, thereby we have attained perfect freedom by egressing from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of glory of the children of God. We emphatically declare unto all:

**KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH SHALL
SET YOU FREE**

4. Members of “The Union of Spiritual Communities of Christ” accepted and are fulfilling the command of Jesus Christ: “Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s (meaning the governments of men); and unto God the things that are God’s.” Residing in whatever state or country in this world, we triumphantly declare: going under the banner of “Toil and Peaceful Life” — everything demanded of us which is not contradictory to the law of God and to the faith of Jesus, we will accept, fulfill and execute, not through fear but by conscientious guidance.