

# THE CHURCH OF THE NEW JERUSALEM SWEDENBORGIAN

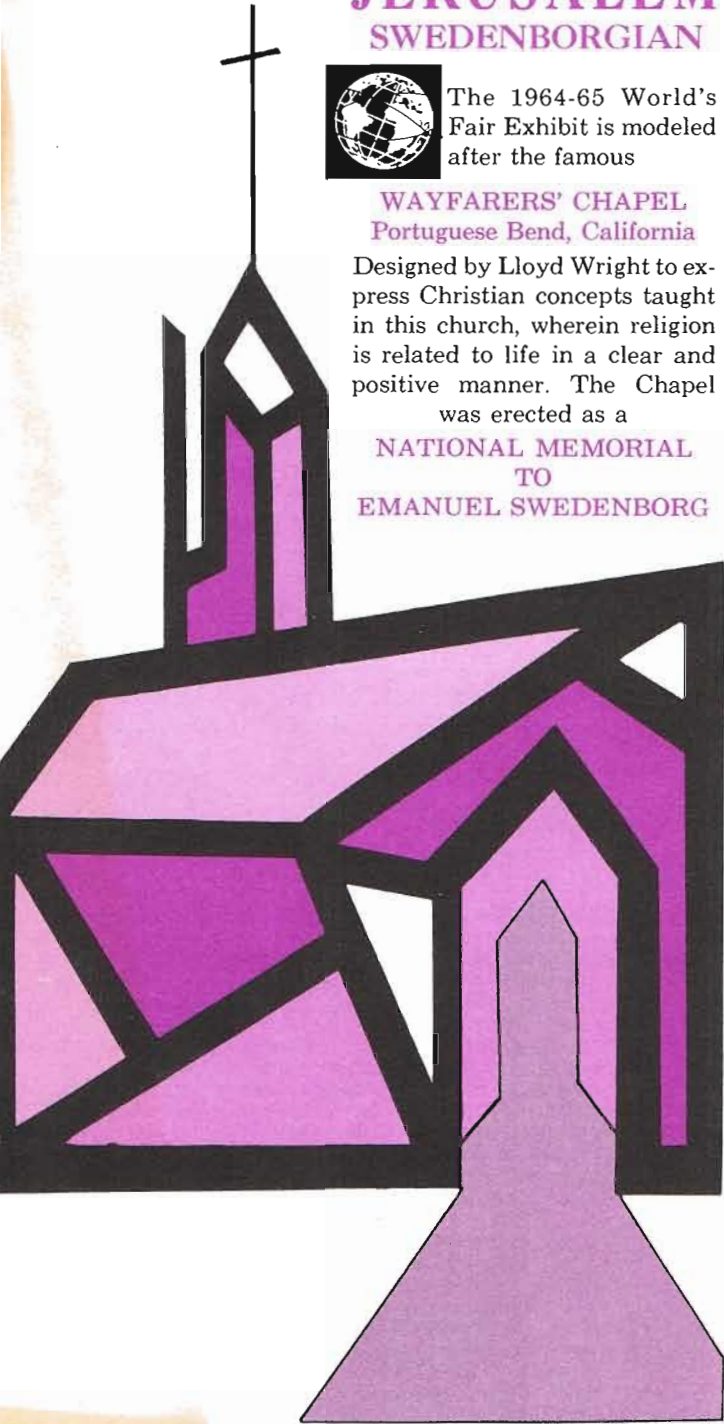


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## NATIONAL MEMORIAL TO EMANUEL SWEDENBORG



# its Teachings

# it's History

**T**HIS CHURCH believes that a renewed Christianity is coming into being, directed and revitalized by the Spirit of the Lord as He approaches the hearts and minds of men again in His promised Second Coming.

Such a New Church, therefore, cannot adhere blindly to traditional religious interpretations nor insist on creedal conformity. In the true spirit of freedom and rationality, it must go to the Word as the source of all authority and inspiration.

Members of this Church believe that under divine guidance its doctrines were drawn from that eternal storehouse by Emanuel Swedenborg, servant of the Lord. This reformulation of Christianity is, and must be true to, the consistent teaching of the Lord's Holy Word, ever to be tested by the Bible in its literal sense. As such, the teachings of the New Church invite the free spirit of inquiry, enlightened understanding, and our best powers of reason.

## THE BASIC TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH OF THE NEW JERUSALEM ARE:

- 1** *There is one God*— one in essence and in person, the Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit being aspects of Him as soul, body and activities of a man are aspects by which he may be known.
- 2** *The Holy Bible is the inspired Word of God*, including both literal instruction for a heavenly life, and an underlying psycho-spiritual meaning which describes the mind and soul of man and the love and wisdom of God.
- 3** *Man is a spirit* temporarily clothed with a material body the physical senses of which enable him to live in a terrestrial environment, as those of the spirit enable him to live in the world of spirit. His spiritual nature is molded by the choices he makes while clothed in his physical body. After this body can no longer serve him it is laid aside, never to be resumed, and he becomes a conscious inhabitant in the world of spirit, gravitating progressively through the continued exercise of his freedom of choice toward his final abode in heaven or hell.
- 4** *The Church emphasizes essentials*: three for Christians; an acknowledgment of the Divine of the Lord, the holiness of God's Word, and a life of charity or love; two for other faiths: an acknowledgment of God and a conscientious regard for one's neighbor.

**D**URING his lifetime Swedenborg published his theological books at his own expense and distributed them principally to libraries and among leaders in religious and philosophical thought throughout Europe, with many of whom he had close personal contact. Although Swedenborg's writings dealt with a general Christian renewal, he himself never advocated a new ecclesiastical organization. Yet already before his death a number of groups had been formed to study the new theology. These groups provided the nuclei for organized churches in both the old and new worlds.

**T**HE first of these was formed in England in 1782. In America the new theology began to take root with the arrival of John Glen in Philadelphia in 1784. In 1787 Francis Bailey, a Presbyterian elder, close friend of Benjamin Franklin and Printer to the State of Pennsylvania, undertook the project of publishing the works of Swedenborg and, a year later a subscription list of fifty, including Benjamin Franklin and Robert Morris, joined to finance the publication of the English translation of Swedenborg's *True Christian Religion*. In 1790 a group of Philadelphia converts organized as the first society of the Church of the New Jerusalem.

**M**ORE translations were distributed. These, together with lectures by Mr. Glen in other cities, gave rise to additional congregational organizations which convened in Philadelphia in 1817 to organize the "General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States and Canada."

To service other spontaneous but isolated groups, the organized churches established missionary posts in various areas throughout the world.

**T**HE term *Swedenborgianism* embraces not only members, perhaps 50,000 in number, of the organized Swedenborgian churches, but an impressive list of notable figures and scholars who have accepted the new theology as the principal component of their religious concepts and interpretations, and who are widely recognized as substantial contributors to the culture of the present age.



# CHURCHES OF THE NEW JERUSALEM (SWEDENBORGIAN)

## Partial List

### CALIFORNIA:

**LOS ANGELES**, 509 S. Westmoreland Ave.  
**PORTUGUESE BEND**, Wayfarers' Chapel  
**RIVERSIDE**, 3645 Locust St.  
**SAN DIEGO**, 4144 Campus Ave.  
**EL CERRITO**, Hillside Church, 1422 Navellier St.  
**SAN FRANCISCO**, 2107 Lyon St., cor. Washington St.  
**TEMPLE CITY**, Masonic Hall.

### DELAWARE:

**WILMINGTON**, Penna. Ave. & Broom St.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

**WASHINGTON**, Church of the Holy City, 16th & Corcoran Sts.

### FLORIDA:

**ST. PETERSBURG**, 419 Fifth St. S.  
**MIAMI**, 2609 N.W. Seventh St.

### ILLINOIS:

**CHICAGO**, The Church of the Holy City, 5710 S. Woodlawn  
**DES PLAINES**, Good Shepherd Community Church, 9046 Home Ave.

### INDIANA:

**LA PORTE**, Indiana & Maple Ave.

### KANSAS:

Montezuma  
**PAWNEE ROCK**  
**PRETTY PRAIRIE**

### MAINE:

**BATH**, Middle & Winter Sts.  
**FRYEBURG**  
**PORTLAND**, 302 Stevens Ave. cor. Montrose Ave.

### MARYLAND:

**BALTIMORE**, The Hillside Chapel, 901 Dartmouth Rd.

### MASSACHUSETTS:

**BOSTON**, 136 Bowdoin St., opposite State House  
**BRIDGEWATER**, Central Square  
**BROCKTON**, 34 Crescent St. near Main St.  
**CAMBRIDGE**, Quincy St., cor. Kirkland  
**ELMWOOD** (East Bridgewater Society)  
**MANSFIELD**, West St.  
**NEWTONVILLE**, Church of the Open Word, Highland Ave.  
**YARMOUTHPORT**

### MICHIGAN:

**DETROIT**, Church of the Holy City, 18200 Meyers at Curtis St.

### MINNESOTA:

**ST. PAUL**, Virginia Street Church, 172 Virginia St.

### MISSISSIPPI:

**GULFPORT**, Swedenborg Memorial Church, 35th St. at 12th Ave.

### MISSOURI:

**ST. LOUIS**, Church of the Opened Word, 1045 Dautel Lane

### NEW HAMPSHIRE:

**MANCHESTER** (German), Conant St.

### NEW JERSEY:

**ORANGE**, 26 N. Essex Ave., near Main St.

### NEW YORK:

**NEW YORK**, 112 E. 35th St.  
**NEW YORK**, The New Christian Church Mission, 166 W. 136th St.

### OHIO:

**CINCINNATI**, Church of the New Jerusalem, Oak St. & Winslow Ave.  
**LAKEWOOD**, The New Christian Church, cor. Detroit & Andrews Aves.  
**URBANA**, South Main & W. Reynolds St.

### OREGON:

**PORTLAND**, Cherry Park New Christian Church, 1830 S.E. 96th Ave.

### PENNSYLVANIA:

**PHILADELPHIA**, 22nd & Chestnut Sts.  
**PHILADELPHIA (FRANKFORD)**, Paul & Unity Sts.  
**PITTSBURGH**, New Jerusalem Christian Church, Sandusky & Parkhurst St., N.S.

### WASHINGTON:

**BELLEVUE**, Church of the Good Shephard, 2310 128th Ave., S.E.

### CANADA:

**EDMONTON, ALBERTA**, Killarney Church of the New Jerusalem, 9119 128A Ave.  
**SUNNYSLOPE, ALBERTA**,  
**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA**, 235 E. 15th Ave.  
**KITCHENER, ONTARIO**, Church of the Good Shepherd, Margaret Ave. & Queen St.

WAYFARERS' CHAPEL  
Portuguese Bend, California





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# EMANUEL SWEDENBORG

**E**MANUEL SWEDENBORG, one of Sweden's most illustrious sons, was born in Stockholm on January 29, 1688. His father was royal chaplain and later Bishop of Skara. On his mother's side Swedenborg was allied to the great mining interests of Sweden. As a member of the House of Nobles he took an active part in the affairs of government. Thus the worlds of religion, science and practical affairs met in him and played decisive roles in his life.

**F**OR his first fifty-six years, it was in the field of science that he achieved his fame, and he was early recognized as one of the leading scientists of Europe. He published many volumes on mathematics, geology, chemistry, physics, mineralogy, astronomy and anatomy in which were the germs of numerous and brilliant discoveries that have been credited to later investigators. For instance, he sketched the nebular hypothesis of the solar system before Laplace, and suggested the nature of the milky way; he discovered the function of the ductless glands, and the fact that the brain animates synchronously with the lungs.

**B**UT for all his fame as a scientist, it was in the realm of religion that Swedenborg's genius found fullest flower. At the height of his career he put aside his scalpel and microscope, convinced that a higher service was demanding his talents. In an age of agnosticism and disbelief, he sought to prove scientifically the existence of the human soul, immortality and heaven, thus assuring the ground of Christian belief. At the same time he devoted himself to an intensive study of the Bible which to him had always been the inspired Word of God.

**B**UT Swedenborg was not destined to prove these great Christian verities "scientifically." As he pursued his goal, with the Bible as his only text, he tells us that the Lord opened his spiritual eyes and quickened his inner senses so that he became conscious of the world of spirit, and was enabled, with all his rational faculties alert, to experience life there in a state of full wakefulness and to report his findings. From that vantage point he was also enabled to perceive deeper levels of truth lying within the letter of the Bible, and to present in book after book these living waters now welling up to quench the thirst of man's spirit. He felt commissioned, again under inspiration, to draw anew the Christian teaching from the plain letter of the Bible.

**S**WEDENBORG died in London in 1772, and his remains now lie in the national Cathedral at Upsala, Sweden—

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