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X. IDENTITY CHRISTIANITY

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST CHRISTIAN (Aryan Nations)

A. BELIEF

The Church of Jesus Christ Christian, Aryan Nations began with a congregation founded in California by Wesley A. Swift in 1946. Swift was a prominent voice in the pro-white Christian and anti-Marxist Jewish perspective. Following Swift's death in 1970, Richard G. Butler moved to Hayden Lake, Idaho and began an independent branch of the church in 1973. In the 1980s Butler became associated with factions of the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi movement.

The Church of Jesus Christ Christian, Aryan Nations describes its beliefs as "identity Christianity", following the Christian-Israel identity message. They believe that modern Anglo-Saxons, Teutonic, Scandinavian, Celtic, Basque, Slavic, Lombard, and kindred peoples are the physical descendants of the ancient (12) tribes of Israel. As such, they consider themselves heirs to the promises of the Bible which refer to Israel as a whole. The church is adamantly pro-white, teaching that the Bible is the family history of the white race.

2. HOLY DAYS

No information.

3. WORSHIP

The church meets on Sundays for worship. Singing, prayer and preaching are included. Offerings are not a part of the worship service, and are given only on a free-will basis. Prayer is offered with an 'open-hand salute' while standing.

4. AUTHORITATIVE TEXT

The Bible (authorized King James Version of 1611).

5. DIET

Members adhere to a non-pork diet, as prescribed in Leviticus and Deuteronomy.

6. ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE

The Church is led by ordained pastors. Assistant Pastors or Lay Pastors may also be recognized and participate in worship leadership.

7. SYMBOL

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The swastika is the recognized symbol of this faith group, and has been called the oldest Aryan symbol. Other sources describe the swastika as an early Christian or divine symbol.

8. MEMBERSHIP/IDENTIFICATION

"As brothers and sisters in the White Race we are all members of the One Body in Christ (The Anointed) and are members of the Church of Jesus Christ Christian. Prisoners are not eligible for membership in the political arm of the church, Aryan Nations, until release and expiration of all parole restrictions". (Position paper, Church of Jesus Christ Christian)

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST CHRISTIAN: MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INCARCERATED

- a. HOLY DAYS/FESTIVALS--Celebration observed with general Christian services.
 - b. PRIVATE WORSHIP--Bible reading, prayer.
 - c. CORPORATE WORSHIP--Included with General Christian. Separate services are not authorized.
 - d. AUTHORITATIVE TEXT--King James Version of the Bible. Other literature, such as bible studies and sermons published by the Church of Jesus Christ Christian, are subject to religious services, correspondence and personal property procedures.
- Aryan Nation material is NOT considered religious material (consult the appropriate Director/Adult Operations or Juvenile Services for information regarding this material, including CALLING OUR NATION and THE WAY).
- e. DIET--A non-pork diet is authorized.
 - f. ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE--Access to an approved minister/lay minister through the offender visitation procedures.
 - g. SYMBOL--The swastika is not authorized. An authorized Christian symbol may be allowed.