



CIRCES INTERNATIONAL
CERCLE INTERNATIONAL DE RECHERCHES
CULTURELLES ET SPIRITUELLES, INC.



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Dearly Beloved Members,

The Board of Directors (Board) for CIRCES International, Inc. would like to update everyone on the issue which we have been facing lately and the steps we are taking to get us back on track with the basic mission of CIRCES. This Mission and our Moral Code make it clear that we do not, as an organization, seek to endorse or oppose any issues, causes or individuals. The Board recognizes that you, as sincere aspirants, wish to participate in the creation of tolerant understanding among all members of The One Human Family.

- **Our Mission:** to conduct unbiased research into the common roots of the World's Cultural and Spiritual Traditions.
- **Our Methods:** exploring the common boundaries between the inner and outer aspects of ourselves; practically and effectively integrating the spiritual and scientific technologies; promoting altruism as an important component in the conduct of human affairs.
- **Our Responsibility:** by the conduct of our lives we must each demonstrate the practical advantages of an integrated spiritual outlook born of the harmonious synergy between the spiritual and scientific sentiments within us.
- **Our Arena:** our own immediate social and cultural environment.

We would also like to say thank you for your support and work in CIRCES. We know these times have been very difficult but we can assure you we have heard you and we have been working hard to find the best way forward.

As many of you know (and have contacted us, over the last few months) things have been in turmoil due to the public statements from a few individuals. A confrontational environment detrimental to our mission arose. There are two main issues that developed which we recognized and needed to address as soon as possible.

1. Public statements by a certain individual
2. Public statements by Brother Timothy Hogan

Rather than getting into all of the details, let us simply state that at first, your Board tried to resolve these issues in as gentle of a manner as possible. First, we removed the person who claims herself to be the reincarnation of Mary Magdalene from all aspects of CIRCES. We then removed our Facebook page, which was being manipulated by this individual, who without any authority whatsoever, felt she could use CIRCES for her own purposes. We also gave Brother Hogan a sabbatical with the hopes that he could get things sorted out. Finally, we suggested he refrain from the overt and active promotion of the person calling herself "Mary Magdalene" due to his position and authority within our organization.

We hoped this would resolve the issues but it did not. The Board observed a continuance of Brother Hogan promoting this woman as well as making statements that continued to confuse and give the wrong impression of CIRCES to our members and the general public. At this point the Board felt it was in the best interest of CIRCES and it's members to take more decisive action.

While we would never interfere with a person's beliefs or studies, we cannot let any one person's beliefs become such a distraction that it begins to derail the Mission of CIRCES or destroy our member's trust and support. Therefore the Board has unanimously decided to permanently remove Brother Timothy Hogan as President/CEO of CIRCES International, Inc. as well as from the Board of Directors. While he is our Brother, and we care deeply about him, we must put the CIRCES Mission and membership first.

Brother Hogan has resigned his position as Grand Master of the O.S.T.I. He still retains his membership within CIRCES and the O.S.T.I. and as such we encourage him to be an active member; however, he will no longer have a position of authority, or leadership, to speak for CIRCES International, Inc. or for the O.S.T.I. In this way he is free to support anyone, or any group, in any fashion he feels reflects his beliefs without further confusing our members or the Mission of CIRCES.

This has been a difficult time for us all and we apologize to our members for the distractions this has caused. We also want to remind everyone that while we might not agree with everything a Brother or Sister does, we always try to respect them and love them. In that Light, we hope that our actions display the harmony, kindness and respect our Mission and Moral Code demands of us.

Finally, we announce that we will not have our usual Gathering in Denver this September. Your handbooks will continue to be mailed out as usual. We need a little time to get re-organized to that we can serve each other better than has been done recently. One of the things we would like to establish again is a monthly letter that not only includes a message but also news about what is happening in the respective Pories. We may even turn this into a newsletter. Stay tuned for more up-dates.

With a profound respect for every member, we close in the knowledge that organizations, like individuals, go through changes also. By finding the positive aspect in all things, we individually evolve to a higher realm. So, too, does our beloved CIRCES.

In the Bonds of Spiritual Chivalry,
CIRCES International, Inc.

Board of Directors:

David Sahyoun, Zaphero Penner, Byron Barnes, Paul Preston, Michael Pearce, & Scott Ammerman

Fraternally,



Scott Ammerman
Grand Secretary



The Circian Moral Code

Love that which is good; ignore that which is bad!
Be goodness, justice and compassion; never criticize!
Be pure, compassionate and gentle; never use irony!
Be patient, calm and considerate; never give into anger or pride!
Be confident, satisfied and open to others; do not doubt and be not envious!
Be moderate in all things; avoid excesses!
Be humble, kind, modest, generous, and respectful of others; never be spiteful!
Be true in words and deeds, tell the truth; never lie and never slander!
Be helpful and considerate of all there is; never deceive nor betray anyone!
Love and protect Life, spread Peace and Harmony; in no way be aggressive!