

CHURCH OF GOD

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please excuse _____ from work/school for the following annual holy days and festivals on their respective days for 2018:

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| • | Passover | March 30 (Observed the evening before) |
| • | Days of Unleavened Bread | March 31- April 6 |
| • | Pentecost | May 20 |
| • | Feast of Trumpets | September 10 |
| • | Day of Atonement | September 19 |
| • | Feast of Tabernacles/LGD | Sept. 24 – Oct.1 inclusive |

This is to confirm that _____ is a member of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, and that this Church teaches the observance of the annual holy days and festivals as the spiritual duty of each member in order to maintain his or her status in the Church. As stated in the Fundamental Beliefs of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association:

12. The Passover

The Passover is to be observed in the evening, at the beginning of the 14th of Nisan (Abib) in accordance with the Hebrew calendar as preserved by the Jews. The New Covenant Passover symbols instituted by Jesus Christ on the night before He died—foot-washing, unleavened bread and wine—are part of this service. Christians follow Jesus Christ's instruction and example by observing the Passover annually as a memorial of His death. (*Scriptural support:* Exodus 12; Matthew 26:18-30; John 13:1-15; Luke 22:1-20; John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7.)

13. The Festivals of God

The seven annual festivals are special times of assembly. Given to ancient Israel by God through Moses and kept by Christ, the apostles and the New Testament Church, they are commanded to be observed today. These festivals reveal God's plan of salvation for mankind. They will continue to be observed during the Millennium. (*Scriptural support:* Colossians 2:16-17; 1 Peter 1:19-20; 1 Corinthians 5:8; 15:22-26; 16:8; James 1:18; Exodus 23:14-17; Leviticus 23; Luke 2:41-42; 22:14-15; John 7:2, 8, 10, 14; Acts 2:1; 18:21; 20:16; Zechariah 14:16-19.)

The Church observes the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day as a continuous eight-day festival in centralized locations. Attendance therefore requires a certain amount of travel time in addition to the eight days of the combined festivals. The festivals and holy days are observed worldwide, so additional travel time is needed for members attending in international areas.

Thank you for respecting and accommodating _____ beliefs in this matter.

Sincerely,



Minister,
Church of God, a Worldwide Association