

Hi! This is the form I will be using in order to collect submissions for posts about Chicago-based New Religious Movements. Upon review, it may be posted on my website if it fits the proper criteria and there is enough information given. Feel free to style your write-up in whatever format will best display your knowledge.

If there is a section that you do not have the information for, please explicitly state this and explain why there may not be anything on the respective topic. Please cite any sources used in APA format.

Thank you for taking your time to create a submission!

Name:_____ **Date:**_____ **Email:**_____

Please provide a concise description (1-3 sentences) of the NRM, and include:

- ★ the year in which it began (or an approximate time period)
- ★ the geographical location(s) in which the NRM initially developed (mention any significant cultures that may have an influence)
- ★ the founder(s) of the NRM (if applicable)
- ★ any ties that the NRM has to traditional religions (such as Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, and Hinduism)

Please write a short paragraph (5-7 sentences) about the history of the NRM, and include:

- ★ a brief summary of major events in the history of the movement
- ★ when and how it arrived in the United States (if applicable)
- ★ when and how it arrived in Chicago (if applicable)
- ★ in which regions of Chicago is it most prevalent

Please write a short paragraph (5-7 sentences) describing the key beliefs and practices of this NRM, and include:

- ★ the divine beings or entities referenced by members of this NRM in their religious lives
- ★ members' perspectives on/depictions of these divine beings/theologies
- ★ some of the key religious practices in which members of this NRM engage (for example, describe major rituals, prayers, holidays, communal activities)
- ★ unique beliefs and practices that are distinct to this religion

What sorts of people identify as members of this NRM? What sorts of people attend services and meetings? (Meaning: age, sex/gender, race/ethnicity, socio-economic status)

- ★ Any known prior member affiliations should be mentioned

Please provide a brief description of the current condition of the NRM, and include:

- ★ the current state of the NRM in comparison to its previous conditions (has it grown or diminished?)
- ★ NRM's status in Chicago in terms of popularity and perception by the wider community
- ★ public events that the NRM hosts in Chicago/outreach to the wider community
- ★ provide the date that you last researched this

Please upload any photos regarding the NMR (artifacts, meeting places, etc.), but do not upload photos with humans. Photos must also be your own (be taken by you).

Please list the sources from which you drew your information and include any recommended reading and viewing for readers. You may list the following sorts of sources:

- ★ Journals and Online
- ★ Articles
- ★ Books
- ★ Websites
- ★ Documentaries
- ★ Videos (interviews, podcasts, etc)

Please list any critique or suggestions about this form.