



INQUIRIES TO CONVERT TO JUDAISM POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to secure a timely and consistent response and follow-up to people inquiring about converting to Judaism.

Procedure

On receiving a letter or telephone call inquiring about conversion to Judaism, the Office is to prepare a personalised response to be signed by the President using the attached template.

The Board will review this policy from time to time.

Authorisation

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Secretary
ACT Jewish Community Inc

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The ACT Jewish Community is a member of the JCA family of organisations



Dear [name of person making inquiry]

Thank you very much for your inquiry.

The ACT Jewish Community in Forrest houses two religious congregations; an Orthodox and a Progressive congregation. We have a resident Rabbi who provides educational services and pastoral care.

May I encourage you to read more about the differences between orthodox and progressive approaches to conversion? If you would then like to discuss the matter further, I will arrange for you to speak to a member of the congregation that may best suit your intentions and needs.

We also occasionally offer Jewish education courses. If you are interested in attending them as a means of assisting you in considering converting to Judaism, I will send you the relevant details.

You may also be interested to know that the Chabad movement has a Rabbi in Canberra who operates from Giralang. If you wish to read more about the Chabad philosophy, please see <http://www.chabadact.com/>.

Yours sincerely

President