

Welcome.

Thinking of registering as a conscientious objector (CO)? If you are a United States citizen, male, over the age of 18, and a baptized member of the Episcopal Church, here's how:

- Fill out the Selective Service System registration form 1M (UPO) on the following page or go to your local post office to obtain the form. Although it is also possible to register online or at your local high school, in order to document your status as a conscientious objector as soon as possible, you need to fill in the form by hand and mail it in yourself.
- Print in legible black ink across the middle of the Selective Service registration form:
I AM A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR TO WAR IN ANY FORM. (See example on following page.) This is not a classification, but it may help you later to document your position as a conscientious objector.
- Make two (2) copies of your registration form. Date each copy, fold them, and seal them in two envelopes. The postmark on the envelope once it is mailed will confirm the date in case you need to prove when you decided to become a conscientious objector.
- Mail the original to:
Selective Service System
PO Box 94638
Palatine, IL 60094-4638
- Mail one copy to:
The Rev. G. Douglas Fenton
Registrar for Conscientious Objectors
SSS FORM 1M(UPO): DO NOT OPEN
Episcopal Church Center
815 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10017-4503
- Mail one copy to yourself. When it arrives, keep it on file, unopened.
- Next, fill out the attached Conscientious Objector Registration Form.
- Make two (2) copies.
- Both you and your priest need to sign all three copies together.
- Send the original to:
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- Keep the remaining copy for your records.

Be assured that any and all contact or correspondence with the Registrar for Conscientious Objectors at the Episcopal Church Center handled confidentially.

Also, please note that your registration as a conscientious objector (CO) does not exempt you from the selective service procedures, nor does it guarantee that you will be exempt from conscription or military service, or some other form of non-combatant service in the event that future legislation is enacted restoring the draft.

It has been our previous experience that many CO claims were denied because the registrant did not identify himself at the beginning. Between 1970 and 1972 only 20% of those who applied to the Selective Service Board for CO status were classified as COs. One of the reasons for this is that a claim for CO status was often filed late in the process, leading to induction into military service. If you have made a decision, **it is important to have your statement on file as early as possible.**

Conscientious Objector Registration Form

For Members of the Episcopal Church Who Are Conscientious Objectors to Military Service

Full name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Diocese: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____ Social Security Number: _____-____-_____

Place of birth: _____

Present occupation: _____

Marital status: _____

Spouse's name (if applicable): _____

Name of church: _____

Address of church: _____

Date and Place of Baptism or Confirmation (indicate which):

Approximate date of becoming a conscientious objector: ____/____/____

Peace organization(s) of which you are a member:

Write a brief statement of your reasons for conscientious objection and of the types of service in which you are willing to participate:

Signature of Conscientious Objector

I hereby certify that _____ is a baptized member of my congregation, and that the above statements, to the best of my knowledge, are true.

Signature of Priest

Date

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