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KANCHA BUDDHIST CENTER INC.

SUBJECT: _____

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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Emily Sheets

FROM: _____

2121 North Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34234

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Kancha Buddhist Center Inc.

A Florida Religious Corporation

ARTICLE 1

The name of this corporation is Kancha Buddhist Center Inc.

ARTICLE 2

This corporation is a religious corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law exclusively for religious purposes.

ARTICLE 3

The specific purpose of this corporation is to promote the Buddhist Faith principally through the activities of teaching, study, practice and the observance of moral discipline all within the Buddhist tradition of Je Tsongkhapa through the three New Kadampa Tradition Education Programs:

(1) The General Program

The purpose of the General Program shall be to introduce basic Buddhist view, meditation, and action, and various other teachings and practices, all within the Buddhist tradition of Je Tsongkhapa, that help the practitioner deepen

his or her knowledge and experience of Buddhism. The Program shall generally be based on the same commentaries as form the basis of the Foundation Program and Teacher Training Program.

(2) The Foundation Program

The purpose of the Foundation Program shall be to provide a systematic presentation of particular subjects of Mahayana Buddhism to enable students to deepen their knowledge and experience of Buddhism. The Program shall comprise the following five courses based on Buddha's Sutra teachings and the corresponding commentaries by Geshe Kelsang Gyatso:

- (a) **The Stages of the Path to Enlightenment** based on the commentary *Joyful Path of Good Fortune*;
- (b) **Training the Mind** based on the commentary *Universal Compassion*;
- (c) **The Heart Sutra** based on the commentary *Heart of Wisdom*;
- (d) **Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life** based on the commentary *Meaningful to Behold*;
- (e) **Types of Mind** based on the commentary *Understanding the Mind*.

(3) The Teacher Training Program

The purpose of the Teacher Training Program shall be to provide a more extensive presentation of particular subjects of Mahayana Buddhism to enable students to deepen their knowledge and experience of Buddhism and to train as qualified Buddhist Teachers. The Program shall comprise the following twelve courses based on Buddha's Sutra and Tantra

teachings and the corresponding commentaries by Geshe Kelsang Gyatso.

- (a) **The Stages of the Path to Enlightenment** based on the commentary *Joyful Path of Good Fortune*;
- (b) **Training the Mind** based on the commentary *Universal Compassion*;
- (c) **The Heart Sutra** based on the commentary *Heart of Wisdom*;
- (d) **Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life** based on the commentary *Meaningful to Behold*;
- (e) **Types of Mind** based on the commentary *Understanding the Mind*;
- (f) **The Bodhisattva's Moral Discipline** based on the commentary *The Bodhisattva Vow*;
- (g) **Guide to the Middle Way** based on the commentary *Ocean of Nectar*;
- (h) **Vajrayogini Tantra** based on the commentary *Guide to Dakini Land*;
- (I) **Vajrayana Mahamudra** based on the commentary *Clear Light of Bliss*;
- (j) **Offering to the Spiritual Guide** based on the commentary *Great Treasury of Merit*;
- (k) **Heruka Body Mandala** based on the commentary *Essence of Vajrayana*;

- (1) **Grounds and Paths of Secret Mantra** based on the commentary *Tantric Grounds and Paths*.

A student shall be deemed to have completed the Teacher Training Program if he or she:

- (a) Has attended the classes related to each of the twelve courses;
- (b) Has memorized all the required points;
- (c) Has passed examinations in all twelve subjects and received a certificate to that effect;
- (d) Has completed the required meditation retreats.

These Programs shall be implemented and maintained continuously by this corporation without change to their composition.

ARTICLE 4

The street address of the principal office of this corporation is: 2121 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34234.

The registered agent of this corporation is Emily Sheets of the above address.

ARTICLE 5

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not

permitted to be carried on (1) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (2) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE 6

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of, or opposition to, any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE 7

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private person.

ARTICLE 8

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under IRC Section 501(c)(3).

ARTICLE 9

Any resolution or action by the members or the Board of Directors of this corporation which would result in amendment of the purposes set forth in Article 3 or this Article, Article 9, shall be deemed a resolution to wind up and dissolve this corporation.

ARTICLE 10

The method of the election of directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 11

The names and street addresses of the persons appointed to act as the initial directors of the corporation are:

Name	Address
Lucy James	6138 Turnbury Pk Dr #6303, Sarasota, FL 34243
Jane Shannon	2002 Clematis Place, Sarasota, FL 34239
Emily Sheets	2795-B North Beach Rd, Englewood, FL 34223
Suzi Trubitz	5070 Gulf of Mexico Dr, Longboat Key, FL 34228

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of

Incorporation this 1st day of June, 1999.

Signature of Incorporator:

Emily Sheets Emily Sheets

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

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PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA
STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE
LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT
IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE
STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is:

Kancha Buddhist Center Inc.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office
is:

Emily Sheets

2121 North Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34234

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service
of process for the above stated corporation at the place
designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the
appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this
capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of
all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance
of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the
obligations of my position as registered agent.

Emily Sheets

(SIGNATURE)

June 7, 1999

(DATE)