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Rickey L. Richardson:

Thank you for your communication of December 13, 2023. Please see the attached restates articles of incorporation in lieu of the form application articles. Out of an abundance of caution, please also see the below affirmations:

on the second of	Yvette Cleveland, Assistant Secretary on behalf of Capitol Corporate Services, Inc.	11/27/2023
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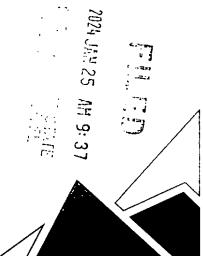


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## COURAGEOUS CHURCH ORLANDO, INC. Articles of Incorporation

Courageous Church Orlando, Inc. (the "Corporation" or "Church") hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617 of the Florida Business Corporations Act (the "Code"), as amended.

#### ARTICLE 1 NAME

The filing entity is a nonprofit religious corporation. The name of the Church is Courageous Church Orlando, Inc.

## ARTICLE 2 NONPROFIT CORPORATION

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation organized under the Code and shall have all of the powers, duties, authorizations, and responsibilities as provided therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as an organization exempt from federal income tax and described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision or provisions of any subsequent United States Internal Revenue law or laws (the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986").

#### ARTICLE 3 AUTONOMY

The Church is autonomous and maintains the right to govern its own affairs, independent of any denominational control. Recognizing, however, the benefits of cooperation with other churches in world missions and otherwise, this Church may voluntarily affiliate with any churches (Christian churches and ministries) of like faith and mission.

## ARTICLE 4 DURATION

The period of the Corporation's duration is perpetual, notwithstanding subsequent action by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE 5 PURPOSES

The Church is formed for any lawful purpose or purposes not expressly prohibited under the Code, including any purpose described by the Code. The Church is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Church's purposes also include the limited participation of the Church in any other activities, including taxable activities, but only to the extent the activities would be permitted by a tax-exempt organization. More particularly, but without limitation, the purposes of this Church are:

- (a) To promote the Christian religion by any appropriate form of expression, within any available medium, and in any location, through the Church's combined or separate formation, of a church, ministry, charity, school, or eleemosynary institution, without limitation.
- (b) To provide practical support and outreach to the community and support missionary activities.
- (c) To conduct evangelistic and humanitarian outreach to the local and international community for God's glory.
- (d) To ordain, employ, and discharge ordained ministers of the Gospel, and others, to conduct and carry on divine services at the place of worship of the Church, and elsewhere.
- (e) To collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of said Church and the accomplishment of its purpose within the State of Florida and elsewhere.
- (f) To make distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

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(g) This Church is also organized to: promote, encourage, and foster any other similar religious, charitable, and educational activities; accept, hold, investigation reinvest, and administer any gifts, legacies, bequests, devises, funds, and property of any sort or nature, and to use, expend, or donate the income or principal thereof, for, and to devote the same to, the foregoing purposes of the Church; and do any and all lawful acts and things which may be necessary, useful, suitable, or proper for the furtherance of accomplishment of the purposes of this Church. Provided, however, no act may be performed which would violate Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended.

#### ARTICLE 6 POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

Except as otherwise provided in this Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws, and in order to carry out the above-stated purposes, the Church shall have all those powers set forth in the Code, as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended. Moreover, the Church shall have all implied powers necessary and proper to carry out its express powers. The powers of the Church to promote the purposes set out above are limited and restricted in the following manner:

- The Church shall not pay dividends and no part of the net earnings of the Church shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its organizers, officers, or other private persons, except that the Church shall be authorized and empowered to make payments and distributions (including reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Church) in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in this Articles of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Church shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Church shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Articles of Incorporation, the Church shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by: (i) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; or (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
  - (b) In the event this Church is in any one (1) year a "private foundation" as

defined by Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, it shall be required to distribute its income for such taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; and further shall be prohibited from: (i) any act of "self-dealing" as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (ii) retaining any "excess business holdings" as defined by Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (iii) making any investments in such manner as to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; or (iv) making taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; or (iv) making taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws;

(c) The Church shall not accept any gift or grant if the gift or grant contains major conditions which would restrict or violate any of the Church's religious, charitable, or educational purposes or if the gift or grant would require serving a private as opposed to a public interest.

## ARTICLE 7 DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Corporation shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all of the assets of the Corporation to any organization designated by the Board of Directors of the Corporation which is of like faith and order and is exempt from taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

## ARTICLE 8 MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have no corporate members. As a church, the management of the Corporation's affairs shall be vested in the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE 9 REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT CURRENT STREET AND MAILING ADDRESS

The street address of the registered office of the Corporation is 515 East Park Avenue 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl, Tallahassee, FL 32301. The name of the registered agent at this office is Capitol Corporate Services.

The current street and mailing address of the Corporation is 13631 Dornoch Drive, Orlando, Florida 32828.

#### ARTICLE 10 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Plenary power to manage and govern the affairs of the Corporation is vested in the Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors") of the Corporation. The term "Board of Directors" shall mean the "board of directors" as required by the Code. The qualifications, manner of selection, duties, terms, and other matters relating to the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be provided in the Bylaws. The current Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) persons. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased pursuant to the Bylaws. The number of Directors may not be decreased to less than three (3). Directors need not be residents of Florida. The current Board of Directors shall consist of the following persons at the following addresses:

Name of Director	Street Address	
Chris Ross	13631 Dornoch Dr. Orlando, FL 32828	2024
Christopher Gold	9585 N GA Hwy 3 Baconton, GA 31716	JAN 25
Sabrina Ramos-Cotto	117 Lazio Circle DeBary, FL 32713	AM 9: 38

#### ARTICLE 11 LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

A Director is not liable to the Corporation or members for monetary damages for an act or omission in the Director's capacity as a Director except to the extent otherwise provided by a statute of the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE 12 INDEMNIFICATION

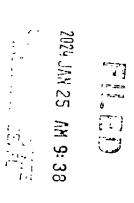
Except as may be defined and limited by the Code and Bylaws (amended, restated, or otherwise), the Corporation may, but is not required to, indemnify a person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in litigation or other proceedings because the person is or was a Director or other person related to the Corporation. The Corporation may provide a trust fund, insurance, or other arrangement to effectuate this Article 12.

#### ARTICLE 13 CONSTRUCTION

All references in this Articles of Incorporation to statutes, regulations, or other sources of legal authority shall refer to the authorities cited, or their successors, as they may be amended from time to time.

#### ARTICLE 14 AMENDMENT

This Articles of Incorporation may only be amended upon the unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors or by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors, as provided in the Bylaws, unless otherwise prescribed pursuant to applicable mandatory provisions of the Code.



#### **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The Articles of Incorporation, as set forth above, has been approved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. There are no members with voting rights.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, the undersigned Corporation has caused this Articles of Incorporation to be signed by a duly authorized officer thereof this <u>17</u> day of <u>November</u> 2023.

Signature:

Name: Sabrina Ramos-Cotto

Title: Secretary

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