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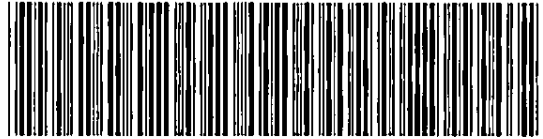
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## REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**

The object and purposes of this Church are hereby declared to establish and maintain a place or places of public worship and to conduct religious worship and expound and teach the Gospel and Scriptures of the Almighty God as reflected by the Holy Bible and in such manner to aid and assist in the evangelization of the Word of God in the Christian Faith. In a world where powers and influences often dictate the course of events and/or the course of our lives, this Church (will) remains steadfast in its commitments to spreading the Word of God without coercions or manipulations from persons and institutions (either private or government.) By adhering to a higher standard of ethics and moralities, this Church embodies the core principles of the Word of God.

**NOW THEREFORE:** I, the undersigned Incorporator, being a natural person of full age, for the purpose of forming a (Nonprofit) organization under and pursuant to the provisions of the Statutes Chapter §761 of the State of Florida, of the Federal Laws of the United States of America and of the International Laws, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE 1 – NAME**

The name of the Articles of Incorporation is **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**, (hereinafter referred to as “Redeemed,” and/or hereinafter referred to as the “Church”) a **“FREE”** Faith Based Non-Denominational Nonprofit Organization.

**ARTICLE 2 – ADDRESS**

The business office of the Church is located at 4300 Biscayne Blvd Suite 203 Miami, FL 33137 in care of and/or attention to Gaudin L. Charles Ministries.

The mailing address of the Church is P.O. Box 613486 Miami, FL 33261.

The Church may have other place(s) of business both within and without the State of Florida, and in foreign countries, as may be necessary and convenient.

### **ARTICLE 3 – EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Articles of Incorporation are made and effective upon the approval of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

### **ARTICLE 4 – DURATION**

The Church shall have perpetual existence.

### **ARTICLE 5 – VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES**

The vision is to reach out to people from all walks of life teaching and empowering them to discover and fulfill the plans and purposes of God for their lives and developing their potential to the glory of God.

The mission is to win souls for the kingdom of God and propagate the gospel of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth.

Core values are the guiding principles that steer them towards achieving our mission and vision statements.

### **ARTICLE 6 – STATEMENT OF PURPOSES AND POWERS**

The Statement of Purposes and Powers of **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** under Ecclesiastical Law serves as a foundational document that outlines the fundamental mission and authority of the Church. This document not only establishes the overarching goals and objectives of the Church but also defines the scope of its powers and responsibilities in carrying out its mission. By adhering to these stated purposes and powers, the Church is able to operate in accordance with both legal requirements and divine guidance, ensuring that its actions are aligned with the teachings of the Word of God. These statements provide a clear roadmap for the Church leadership and members, outlining the overarching mission and duties of **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** within the framework of faith-based principles. By adhering to these guidelines, the Church can effectively carry out its mandate of spreading the message of love, compassion, and service to humanity while upholding the teachings of its religious beliefs. It is essential for all members of the church to understand and internalize these principles in order to work together towards a common goal.

The purposes of **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** are to cultivate a vibrant and transformative spiritual environment where individuals can encounter the transformative power of faith and experience a profound connection with God. Through a comprehensive array of worship services, Bible studies, and discipleship programs, the Church seeks to nurture the spiritual well-being of its members, fostering their growth in knowledge, wisdom and understanding. Beyond its spiritual mandate, the Church is dedicated to empowering individuals to lead fulfilling and impactful lives. Through a variety of educational, vocational, and social initiatives, the organization provides members and the broader community with opportunities for personal and professional development. Empowerment lies at the core of the Church's mission, as it endeavors to assist individuals in realizing their full potential, realizing their dreams, and becoming proactive members of society. By instilling confidence, offering guidance, and promoting self-reliance, the Church enables people to overcome hurdles, set and accomplish their objectives, and create a more compassionate and prosperous community. Through empowerment, individuals are given the chance to thrive, make a positive impact, and lead fulfilling lives.

Guided by a deep-rooted faith and a desire to bring about positive change, **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** is a distinguished global Christian organization dedicated to the dissemination of the Gospel message (the Word of God) and the uplifting transformation of individuals' lives. With a steadfast commitment to serving communities around the world, the Church strives to inspire hope, promote spiritual growth, and foster a sense of unity among believers. The Church seeks to make a meaningful impact by sharing the teachings of Jesus Christ and empowering individuals to lead purposeful and fulfilling lives. The purposes and powers of the Church are outlined in its governing documents and are aligned with the Federal Laws of the United States of America, the Internal Revenue Code Section 26 §508(c)(1)(A.) the Statutes of the State of Florida and the International Laws. By adhering to the guidelines of the Federal Laws of the United States of America, the Internal Revenue Code Section 26 §508(c)(1)(A.) the Statutes of the State of Florida and the International Laws; the Church ensures that its operations are transparent, accountable and in compliance with both Federal, State and International laws. This legal framework provides a solid foundation for the Church to carry out its religious and charitable objectives, making a positive impact on the lives of its members and the broader community.

As a federally recognized religious organization, **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** delights in specific privileges and protections under the laws of the United States. These

privileges stem from the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees the **free** exercise of religion. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution prohibits the government from interfering with the Church's **free** exercise of religion. This protection ensures that the Church have the right to practice their faith without government interference or coercion. By recognizing and protecting the Church's religious status, the government is upholding the First Amendment's guarantee of religious liberty. In addition to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 further protects religious practices from government interference. Enacted in response to a Supreme Court ruling that undermined existing religious freedom statutes, Religious Freedom Restoration Act has become a cornerstone of religious liberty in the American legal landscape. By restoring the strict scrutiny standard for government burdens on religion, Religious Freedom Restoration Act provides a powerful tool for **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** to safeguard its missions.

**REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** is a religious organization incorporated in the United States and recognized as tax-exempt under Section 26 §508(c)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code (hereinafter referred to as the "Code.") This enables the Church to effectively carry out its religious mission. By providing a legal framework for its activities, this designation ensures that the Church can serve its members, the community, and the wider world in accordance with its religious beliefs. The legal framework provided by the Code protects the Church's religious freedom and ensures that it can operate in accordance with its beliefs. This designation safeguards the Church from government interference and allows the Church to focus on its mission of sharing the Gospel and ministering to its congregation. By providing a clear legal framework, this designation empowers the Church to serve its members, the community and the wider world in a meaningful and impactful way.

The Church is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 26 §508(c)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code pursuant to the provisions of the State Statutes of Florida and laws amendatory thereto, as enacted, or hereinafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 26 §508(c)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code. There shall be no capital stock issued, and the Church is not organized for profit, nor shall any person or member derive any benefit whatsoever, nor shall any pecuniary profit or benefit inure to the members of this Church. The Church is exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions

to organizations that qualify as Exempt Organizations under Section 26 §508(c)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any (future) Federal Tax.

Florida's Statutes generally uphold the constitutional protections for religious freedom. The Florida Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1998 is a state law that provides broad protection for the free exercise of religion. Religious Freedom Restoration Act states that the government may not 'substantially burden a person's exercise of religion' unless it can demonstrate a compelling governmental interest and that the burden is the least restrictive means of achieving that interest. In addition to Florida Religious Freedom Restoration Act, Florida has other statutes that protect religious freedom in specific contexts. The Florida Religious Institutions and Lands Protection Act of 2009 is a significant piece of legislation aimed at safeguarding the rights of religious organizations and protecting their land from unwanted development. This act recognized the importance of religious institutions in our communities and sought to ensure that they could continue to operate without interference.

The Constitution of the United States of America and the Florida Statutes provide legal protections for **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** to freely exercise its religious rights. This means that the Church has the right to participate in religious activities, observe traditions and follow its beliefs without facing punishment or discrimination. It is essential for persons and institutions (either private or government) to understand, acknowledge and respect the religious freedom of the Church. By upholding these laws, we can ensure that the Church including but not limited to its Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, subsidiaries, affiliated partners, or other representatives has the right to practice their religion without fear of reprisal.

Religious freedom is a fundamental right enshrined in numerous international laws and treaties. **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**, a beacon of religious liberty, leverages these legal protections to safeguard its practices and beliefs. Therefore, the Church stands as a testament to the power of international laws in safeguarding religious freedom. By invoking these protections, the Church preserves its religious practices and beliefs, even in challenging circumstances. The international legal framework provides a vital foundation for ensuring that religious communities such as **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**, have the space to thrive and contribute to society without coercions or manipulations from persons and institutions (either private or government.) Most importantly though without compromising the Word of God.

In today's complex society, churches often face the need to engage in activities that may extend beyond their traditional charitable scope. The Church, as a non-profit entity, is established exclusively for charitable purposes, operating under the guidance of New Testament Scriptures. Its primary mission is to fulfill religious and spiritual obligations, without seeking financial gain. This nonprofit status grants the Church autonomy in governing itself and conducting its affairs, ensuring its independence from external influences. However, **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** may establish for-profit subsidiaries under **For-Profit Arm** by carefully navigating the legal and ethical considerations involved. Therefore, the Church can leverage the benefits of for-profit subsidiaries while maintaining its non-profit status and engaging in activities that significantly differ from its core missions. Through its subsidiaries, the Church operates independently, giving them the flexibility to diversify their activities and explore new business ventures. This structure allows the Church to maintain its focus on charitable missions while also tapping into potential sources of revenue. By having distinct legal entities, the Church can effectively manage its for-profit operations without compromising its non-profit standing or jeopardizing its core values.

The Church shall have the right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequest or otherwise, either directly or as Director(s), and to own, hold in trust, use, sell, rent, convey, mortgage or otherwise dispose of any real estate or assets as may be deemed necessary for the furtherance of its purposes, in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. All property of the Church shall be deeded to the Church and held in its name. The purpose for which the Church is organized is to engage or transact in any and all lawful activities as a nonprofit organization. In addition, the Church shall be to establish and maintain a ministry modeled after the early Biblical, Christian community as recorded in the book of Acts, for the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both in local and foreign communities, and to provide Christian fellowship for those of like faith where God may be honored.

The Church may engage in a variety of fund-raising activities, including but not limited to event and associated events such as Gala Dinners, Tournaments, Thanksgiving and/or Christmas Turkey Giveaways, Block Party, Back-2-School Backpack Giveaways, Youth Awareness, Christmas Toy Drives, Medical Awareness Fair, Youth Seminars, Tutoring Programs, Crime Prevention Programs. The powers of the Church shall include and be governed by the following provision(s):

1. The Church shall have all of the common law and statutory powers of a Church Not-For-Profit which are not in conflict with the terms of these Articles.



II. The Church shall have all of the powers reasonably necessary to exercise its rights and powers and implement its purpose, including, without limitation, the following:

- The power to appoint committee(s) as the Board of trustees may deem appropriate.
- The power to employ the required personnel for the operations and management of the Church and its property. The power to purchase facilities and chattels approved by the Board of Trustees.
- The power to purchase supplies, materials and equipment for the operation and management of its property.
- The power to insure and keep insured the Church and chattel.
- The power to establish, manage, control, operate, repair and improve reserve funds and/or capital investments.
- The power to enforce by any legal means the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and/or Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Church.

The Statement of Purposes and Powers of the Church is a fundamental document that outlines the goals and authority of the religious organization. It serves as a guiding light for the church community, detailing its core mission and the extent of its capabilities. By clearly defining its purposes and powers, the church can avoid confusion and conflicts within its structure. When the church operates within its defined boundaries, it can focus on spreading its message of love and faith to all who seek guidance. This clarity allows the church to be a pillar of strength and support for its members in times of need. This plays a crucial role in establishing the identity and direction of the church, ensuring that it stays true to its values and objectives.

#### **ARTICLE 7 – ATTRIBUTION**

The Church is established as a Nonprofit of Gaudin L. Charles Ministries (hereinafter referred to as the “Parent Ministries”) and is created in a manner that does not expose the Church to taxes under the laws of the United States of America and International laws that are available to Nonprofit entities that own Nonprofit subsidiaries. The Church will conduct operations that would benefit the Parent Ministries, although the activities will be independent while enhancing the missions of the Parent

Ministries. The detachment of the Church from the Parent Ministries will indicate that they are separate entities that the IRS should regard as such. The Church will operate in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and will maintain accurate financial records to ensure compliance with tax obligations. Hence, the Parent Ministries **will not be liable** for taxes due to its ownership of the Church. This means that any profits generated by the Church will be subject to taxes, but the Parent Ministries will not be liable for any tax obligations or other legal liabilities that may arise.

#### **ARTICLE 8 – CAPITAL STOCK**

The Church operates on a non-profit basis and therefore does not issue any capital stock. This means that the Church does not have shareholders or investors seeking financial gains through ownership of stock in the organization.

#### **ARTICLE 9 – MAKE OF THE SPIRITUAL ADVISORS**

The Lead Pastor often has a team of Spiritual Advisors. The said Spiritual Advisors shall consist of not less than (1) persons, who shall be adults, and who qualifications shall be the same as the. The spiritual advisors meet regularly with the pastor to provide perspective, to encourage and exhort.

#### **ARTICLE 10 – DUTIES OF THE SPIRITUAL ADVISORS**

The duties of the Spiritual Advisors to the Lead Pastor are significant in supporting the overall health and well-being of the Church. As trusted counsel, the Spiritual Advisors serve as a sounding board and provide guidance, accountability, and encouragement for the Lead Pastor. This includes praying regularly for the Lead Pastor, helping them maintain godly priorities and perspective amidst the demands of ministry and exhorting the Lead Pastor to continue growing in his/her faith and leadership. The Spiritual Advisors may also periodically review the Lead Pastor's decisions and actions to ensure they align with biblical principles and the church's mission. With humility and grace, the Spiritual Advisors can correct or advise the Lead Pastor if needed. Overall, the role requires spiritual maturity, discernment, and a close mentoring relationship with the Lead Pastor in order to strengthen their leadership and the church as a whole.

#### **ARTICLE 11 – MAKE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees plays a crucial role within the Church, as they are entrusted with important responsibilities and decisions that impact the well-being of the congregation. It is imperative that the Board of Trustees is composed of at least one adult member who meets the qualifications set forth for

membership in the Church. These qualifications ensure that the Trustee(s) possess the necessary skills, experience, and values to effectively fulfill their duties and uphold the values of the Church. The tenure of Trustees shall be two (2) years. Once a Trustee has completed two (2) terms on the Board, they are not allowed to run for re-election for one (1) year. This ensures that different individuals have the opportunity to serve on the Board and bring new perspectives. By having this rule in place, the Board aims to promote diversity and fresh ideas within the group. Trustee roles are important and rotating members can help bring positive change over time.

#### **ARTICLE 12 – DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Board of Trustees are responsible for overseeing the operations of the Church and assuring the Church's conformance with the law.

- a. They shall attend all meetings of the Board. In the event of an emergency which would prevent any member attending, they shall notify the Secretary, or President in advance of the date of the meeting. Continued absence from scheduled meetings shall constitute cause for removal from the Board membership.
- b. They shall discharge the duties of the Board member prayerfully and in a manner becoming a servant of the Lord.
- c. They must faithfully support and promote the work of the Fellowship by careful consideration of all fellowship matters, making and voting for recommendations beneficial to the fellowship as a whole and by seeking to interest others in the support of this ministry.
- d. They shall have oversight of the President and must be willing to communicate freely with the president, and all other members of the Fellowship, including response to all questions, both oral and written.
- e. They must have a willing attitude to assist in all physical and spiritual problems brought to their attention by anyone in the Fellowship.
- f. Shall prepare a slate of nominees for the annual meeting for any vacancies on the Board. The Board shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) to six (6) at-large members.
- g. Vacancies on the Board can be filled at any meeting of the Board, to serve out the remainder of the year. A recommendation of a Board member is needed, with the appointee giving a testimony of his personal faith in Jesus Christ, and personal agreement with the Biblical Doctrines, Purpose, Vision, Value Statements and Bylaws of the Church, and a majority plus one vote of the Board.

- h. Elect officers of the Board at the first board meeting following the annual meeting. Officers shall be nominated and approved by a majority vote of the council members. Officers' terms shall be for one year.

The Board of Trustees of the Church plays a vital role in overseeing important decisions and strategic planning for the organization. Their duties include setting the overall direction and vision for the Church, ensuring financial accountability, and supporting the clergy in their mission. Additionally, the Board promotes transparency and ethical practices within the Church community. By fulfilling their responsibilities with dedication and integrity, the Board of Trustees helps to ensure the overall well-being and success of the Church.

#### **ARTICLE 13 – CHURCH ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT**

In the Bible, the administration of a church is seen as a special gift from God. Paul's letter to the Corinthians mentions that God has chosen individuals who are gifted in administration to serve the church - (1 Corinthians. 12:28.) This shows us that the skill of organizing and managing resources within a church setting is important and valued by God. Those with this gift play a crucial role in ensuring that the affairs of the Church run smoothly and efficiently.

The management of the affairs of the Church is a responsibility entrusted to the Lead Pastor and the Board of Trustees, who operate under the guidance of the established Bylaws. These Bylaws serve as the governing framework that outlines the rights, duties, and responsibilities of both the leadership and the membership. It is essential that these Bylaws are followed diligently to ensure smooth operations and to uphold the values and mission of **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**

The administration of the Church consists of The Leadership Team, under the direction of the Lead Pastor, and it shall establish and keep current the purposes, core values, vision, and mission of the church. The Leadership Team are: the Lead Pastor, Board of Trustees, Officers ("hereinafter referred to as the "**Executive Officers**,") Support Team (including, without limitation, Board of Elders, Deacons and Deaconess, Ushers, Productions,) Pastoral Aides and leaders from other ministry teams as may be implemented and active. The Leadership Team may establish Organizational, Operational, or Policy Manuals as needed to provide guidance to the Leadership Team in establishing processes for accomplishing the mission of the Church.

- **Board of Trustees:** The Church shall be a church that is Pastor-led as described herein. The Board of Trustees of the Church shall act as the governing authority by providing spiritual guidance, setting its major policies, and exercising responsibility for its business and activities. The name and address of the persons who are to act in the capacity of directors and who shall be known as “Directors” is as follow:

Board of Trustee	:	Ronald Charles
		1001 Brickell Bay Drive Suite 2700
		Miami, FL 33131

Directors shall be appointed by the Lead Pastor. The Board of Elders shall fill the office of Directors and Officers of the Church when qualified persons are lacking to fill such positions.

- **Executive Team.** The officers of **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, Inc.** shall consist of the Vice-Chair/CEO/the Lead Pastor, the First Lady, a President, a Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. The Lead Pastor shall be considered the Chief Executive Officer of the Church. There shall not be least one (1) Officer. The Executive Team shall provide strategic and operational the Church and therefore should be business minded. They should see into the spiritual side of all business as well. The name and address of the persons who are to act in the capacity of an Executive Team and who shall be known as “Officers” is as follow:

Vice-Chair/CEO/President, Humble Servant	Ronald Charles
	1001 Brickell Bay Drive Suite 2700
	Miami, FL 33131

- **Support Team.** The Support Team shall be assumed to be everything that does not include the duties of a Pastor, which is to preach, teach, and exhort.
  - **Elders:** The Board of Elders shall be appointed by the Pastor. There shall not be less than three (3) and no more than nine (9.) They are to be called upon to fill the pulpit, to pray for the sick, visit newcomers, shut-ins, absentees, and hospital visitation. They shall also, along with the Pastor, seek God’s direction for the church, and support the

pastor in the vision given him by God, in the church's present and future ministry. Elders shall remain so until they resign or are deemed unfit.

Requirements: An Elder must be trustworthy, blameless as steward of God and a member of REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH.

- **Deacons and Deaconess:** The Pastor and/or Board of Elders shall appoint the Deacons and the Deaconess. There shall never be less than four members on the Board of Deacons. The Board of Deacons shall act in conjunction with and to aid the Pastor in all matters of (insert name of church here). They shall act in the determination of the meeting of material needs (i.e., food, clothing, financial, etc.) of anyone who might seem to be in need whether they are a part of the Church or not. They may also aid the Pastor in any of the ordinances.

Requirements: A Deacon must be (specific requirements) and a member of REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH. In case of a lack of qualified persons to fill the Board of Deacons, the Elders shall act as Deacons until the Board of Deacons is established.

- **Ushers:** The Ushers shall be installed in the annual business meeting of (insert name of church). The Pastor and President of (insert name of church) shall appoint a chairman to act as the Head of Ushers. The duties of the Board of Ushers shall be as follows: To see that the church is always in order for services. To assist the Pastor in every way possible during the process of meetings. To prepare for the comfort of everyone in attendance. To maintain order and discipline throughout the church. The Pastor, Board of Deacons and the appointed chairman of the Board of Ushers shall appoint members to serve on the Board of Ushers. They shall be appointed to serve for one year. These men may succeed themselves indefinitely.
- **Communion Board:** The Board of Deacons and the Board of Elders shall act as the Communion Board. One man shall be appointed to serve as Chairman of the Communion Board. It shall be his duty to make arrangements for the preparation and serving of communion when announced by the Pastor.

- **Pastoral Aides:** The Pastoral Aides provide supports to the Pastor and the First Lady of the Church.
- **Church Staff:** The Staff members of the Church are very important for the day-to-day operations of the Church.
- **Outside Consultants:** The Executive Officers along with the Board of Trustees may utilize the services of outside consultants to assist in negotiations, recommendations and other services that deem necessary with respect to the daily affairs of the Church.
- **Autonomy:** The Church is autonomous and maintains the right to govern itself and to conduct its own affairs, including without limitation, the calling of a Lead Pastor, the selection of leadership, and the implementation of its own Church. The Church shall also have the right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequest or otherwise, either directly or as Director(s), and to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, lease, or otherwise dispose of any real estate or property as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes, and to exercise all other powers conferred upon it by its state of Florida, other applicable laws of the State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE 14 – ADMISSION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

No additional Board Member(s) shall be admitted to the Church without the written consent of all the Board of Trustees, Members of the Church and upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined by all the Board of Trustees and the Church Members.

The By-Laws of the Church play a crucial role in defining how leadership positions are filled and maintained. They serve as a guide for the election process and determine the duration of a leader's term in office. If a situation arises where a leader needs to be removed, the By-Laws offer a framework for addressing this issue. Moreover, in the event of a vacancy in a leadership role, the By-Laws provide the necessary steps to fill that position within the Church.

#### **ARTICLE 15 – CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

Any person who gives scriptural evidence of the saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, subscribes to the Statement of Beliefs, and completes and adheres to the standards of the Membership Course, shall

be eligible to be (church) Members of REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH. Becoming a member of the Church is a significant decision that requires prayerful discernment. Those seeking membership undergo a period of study, classes, and mentorship to ensure their commitment aligns with the Church's values and teachings. During this time, they build relationships within the congregation and explore how their gifts may serve the community.

- **Acceptance of Membership.** Acceptance into church membership is an important milestone in the spiritual journey. By becoming a member, you are committing to supporting and actively participating in the Church's mission and activities. Membership provides an opportunity to build stronger connections with fellow believers and deepen your spiritual journey. It is a way to show your dedication to the Church and its values, and to contribute to its growth and impact in the community.
- **Denial of Membership.** Denial of church membership is a serious matter that can happen for various reasons. This decision can be made due to the individual not meeting certain requirements or not aligning with the beliefs and values of the church. It is important to understand that the Church has its own rules and guidelines for membership, and being denied membership does not necessarily reflect on a person's character or worth. It is advisable to have an open and respectful discussion with church leaders to address any concerns and seek clarity on the situation.

As a member of the Church, one will experience a sense of community, support, and spiritual growth. Being accepted into church membership opens doors to engage in meaningful relationships and participate in various activities that nurture your faith. On the other hand, denial of church membership may lead to feelings of exclusion and a missed opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals and strengthen one's beliefs. Ultimately, whether accepted or denied, being part of a church offers a valuable space for personal reflection, fellowship, and spiritual development.

#### ARTICLE 16 – PRINCIPLES FOR FELLOWSHIP

The Church, as an institution representing the body of Christ, must strive to mirror the principles outlined in the New Testament. This includes fostering unity among its members, promoting fellowship within the congregation, encouraging cooperation in all endeavors, and upholding equality among all



believers. By adhering to these foundational principles, the Church can function as a cohesive and harmonious body, working together to carry out the mission of spreading the message of Jesus Christ.

## **ARTICLE 17 – TENENT OF FAITH**

The Church accepts the Bible as our all-sufficient rule for faith and practice. The Bible shall be the rule and guide of faith as set forth in the Statement of Beliefs.

### **About the Scriptures**

We believe God inspired the writing and protected the trans-missional process of the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, to equip humankind to honor and obey God in every area of life. As such, Scripture, interpreted in context, will be our only source for what we believe, what we do, and how we act towards others.

### **About God**

We believe there is one true God who is eternally self-existent and the creator of all things. God is beyond human understanding and imagination and has revealed himself through his Word. God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-present. He is unconditionally loving, relentlessly merciful, and just. He has revealed himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### **About Jesus Christ**

We believe Jesus Christ was fully human and fully God. Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died a substitutionary death on the cross, rose from the dead on the third day, and is at the right hand of God interceding for his people.

### **About Humanity**

We believe that humankind is created in the image of God. As such, we were designed to be representatives for God on the earth. However, we believe that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. We believe that unconditional love, unlimited forgiveness, and undying hope are found in Jesus Christ - the one and only mediator between God and man.

### **About the Holy Spirit**

We believe the Spirit of God indwells every believer. The fruit of the Spirit is the by-product of a spirit-filled life and evidence of spiritual maturity. The gifts of the Spirit should be

earnestly sought and used to serve others, edify the church, and glorify God. We believe every Christian, empowered by the Holy Spirit, will be an effective witness for God throughout the world.

The Tenet of Faith is a fundamental belief system that guides **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** in its mission. They encourage us to trust in God, embrace spiritual values and cultivate a deep connection with God while fostering a sense of community. Ultimately, these Tenet of Faith offers solace, hope and guidance in navigating the complexities of life.

#### **ARTICLE 18 – BOOKS AND RECORDS**

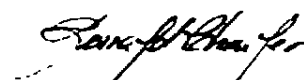
The Church understands the importance of transparency and accountability in maintaining an open records policy for its members. It is essential for fostering trust and promoting integrity within the congregation. By allowing members access to certain records, the Church is demonstrating a commitment to upholding ethical standards and good governance practices. However, the right(s)'s of member to access such records shall not include records containing personal information of a private nature about any specific individual. Such limitations include, but may not be limited to, ministerial, credential and personnel files, disciplinary records, individual giving, or compensation records. This policy serves as a means of ensuring that information is readily available to those who have a vested interest in the operations and decision-making processes of the Church.

#### **ARTICLE 19 – REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

The name of the Registered Agent is Ronald Charles having his office at 1001 Brickell Bay Drive Suite 2700 Miami, FL 33131 (hereinafter referred to as the "Registered Agent.")

#### **ARTICLE 20 – INCORPORATOR**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned Incorporator has executed, acknowledged and filed the foregoing Articles of Organization.



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#### ARTICLE 21 – BYLAWS

The power granted to the Board of Trustees to manage the By-Laws is a fiduciary duty that requires prudence, accountability, and a commitment to upholding **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH**'s core values and objectives. By respecting the boundaries set by the Articles of Incorporation and ensuring that any changes to the By-Laws are undertaken with the organization's best interests in mind, the Board can fulfill its role as stewards of governance and contribute to the overall success and resilience of the Church. The adoption, alteration, amendment, or abolition of the By-Laws should be viewed as an opportunity to strengthen the Church's foundation and enhance its ability to adapt to changing circumstances while remaining true to its purpose and values.

#### ARTICLE 22 – AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation serve as a crucial document that outlines the fundamental aspects of **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**, including its purpose, structure, and governing regulations. Ultimately, the ability to amend these Articles of Incorporation provides the Church with the opportunity to grow, evolve, and adapt to changing circumstances while remaining in compliance with the laws of the State of Florida, the United States of America and the international legal framework. By approaching the amendment process with diligence, care, and a commitment to legal compliance, the Church can ensure that its governing documents accurately reflect the nature and operations of the Church in a manner that is both lawful and effective.

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation are a crucial part of maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the Church. As such, the process for making amendments will be carefully guided by the leadership of the Lead Pastor in close cooperation with the Board of Trustees. This collaborative effort ensures that any proposed changes align with the mission and values of **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**, while also considering the practical implications of such amendments.

#### ARTICLE 23 – PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

**REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** is a global religious entity and seeks to maintain a positive reputation as a respected religious institution. However, like any religious institution, it has established certain boundaries to maintain its integrity and spiritual well-being. The Church places strong emphasis on transparency, accountability, and integrity in all its activities to build trust with its Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents and/or Representatives and the

public. By embracing its responsibilities, both legally and ethically, the organization strives to be a beacon of faith and a source of support for those in need within its communities it serves. As such, the Church strictly adheres to a set of values and teachings. As a religious institution, it is subject to various legal and ethical obligations, including the prohibition of certain activities that may and/or undermine its missions.

These prohibited activities and emphasize why the Word of God must remain an inviolable boundary that should never be compromised. The commitment of the Church to uphold its missions without compromise is a fundamental aspect of its core beliefs and values. This commitment serves as a guiding principle for all those involved in the organization, including the Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents, and Representatives. It ensures that integrity and honesty are always prioritized in every decision and action taken by the Church.

No part of any earnings of the Church shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons for any reason not authorized by the Board of Trustees, except that the Church shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable, measurable and verifiable competitive compensation for services rendered to the corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth.

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 publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidates for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Church shall NOT, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in the furtherance of the purposes of this Church.

At **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**, we strongly believe in maintaining the sanctity and reverence of our space as a House of God. As a church community, we prioritize spiritual growth and worship above all else. Therefore, we have made a policy that strictly prohibits any political person, whether a candidate or in office, from engaging in political campaign activities while on our premises, except for specific preaching engagements. This decision is rooted in our commitment to creating a sacred environment where all individuals can come together to connect with their faith without any distractions.

Compromise, the act of finding a middle ground between opposing views, permeates various aspects of human interaction. In the context of the Church, this practice holds both potential benefits and inherent limitations. While compromise can facilitate resolution and foster unity, it is crucial to recognize the two inviolable boundaries that must never be compromised:

1. The Word of God

Engaging in activities that distort or damage the teachings of the Bible is strictly prohibited. It is important to respect and honor the Word of God as they are sacred and hold great value for many individuals. By refraining from compromising the integrity of these teachings, the Church shows reverence and uphold the principles that guide our faith and spirituality. The Church strives to uphold the purity and sanctity of the Word of God in our actions and words.

2. Integrity of Self

Activities that compromise the integrity of self are particularly concerning because they can have a negative impact on a person's character and reputation. Engaging in behaviors such as cheating, lying, or bullying are examples of prohibited activities that compromise the integrity of self. These actions go against the values of honesty, kindness, and respect and can lead to serious consequences.

3. Morality

In a world where moral relativism and compromise are prevalent, there are numerous activities that are explicitly prohibited by the Bible which serves as a moral compass. It is more important than ever for **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** (including but not limited to its Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, subsidiaries, affiliated partners, or other representatives) to stand firm on the principles of biblical morality. One of the said prohibited activities can be found in the Book of Leviticus. Leviticus 18:22-25 unequivocally prohibits engaging in immoral activities that God classifies as sins. Refusing to compromise on what God calls sin is essential for upholding the standards of God's Word.

4. The Church

As a member and/or as a partner of **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**, upholding ethical standards is essential in promoting a positive and inclusive environment. Any actions that aim to deceive or manipulate others, whether for personal gain or otherwise, are

considered prohibited activities that undermine the core values of our church. It is important for every individual to conduct themselves with honesty, transparency, and respect towards each other, fostering a strong sense of unity and trust within our Church.

The Church's commitment to upholding its principles and maintaining its integrity is evident in its prohibition of such activities. By adhering to these guidelines, the Church ensures that its leaders and its members are encouraged to lead virtuous lives and contribute positively to their communities. Upholding these prohibitions is essential in preserving the Church's mission and fostering a strong moral foundation for its followers.

#### ARTICLE 24 – INDEMNIFICATION

Ecclesiastical Law is the set of rules and regulations that govern religious institutions such as churches and other religious organizations. Ecclesiastical Law ensures that **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** operates in a fair and ethical manner, following the principles and teachings of its respective faiths. It covers a wide range of topics including church governance, property rights, religious practices, and disciplinary procedures. In the realm of Ecclesiastical Law, indemnification plays a vital role in securing the future of the Church. By understanding the legal landscape and taking necessary precautions, the Church can operate with confidence and stability. Indemnification is a cornerstone in risk management and legal protection, allowing the Church to fulfill its mission without undue legal burdens. It underscores the commitment of the Church to uphold ethical standards and operate within the boundaries of the law(s.)

Thus and in a litigious society where legal battles are not uncommon, indemnification serves as a form of insurance for individuals affiliated with **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**, shielding them from the burdens that may arise from legal disputes or claims. As the Church operates within a complex legal environment, it is essential to have mechanisms in place to safeguard the interests of those serving in various capacities. The inclusion of an indemnification clause (Article 24, 30 and 31) in this Articles of Incorporation reflects a forward-thinking approach to risk management and underscores the importance of protecting the individuals who play a vital role in advancing the Church's mission. In doing so, The Church may indemnify a Board of Trustees of the Church, who was wholly successful in the defense of any disputes or claims to which the Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents and/or Representatives was a party to, or because the Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents and/or Representatives is or

was a Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents and/or Representatives of the Church, against reasonable attorney fees and expenses incurred by the Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents and/or Representatives in connection with said disputes or claims.

The Church may indemnify an individual made a party to a proceeding(s) because the individual is or was a Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents and/or Representatives of the Church, against liability if authorized in the specific case, after determination in the manner required by the Board of Trustees, that indemnification of the Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents and/or Representatives, is permissible in the circumstances because the Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents and/or Representatives has met the standard of conduct set forth by the board of Members, Officers, Employees and Agents of the Church. Indemnification shall apply when such persons are serving at the Church' request while a Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents and/or Representatives of the Church, as a Member, Officer, Partner, Director(s), Employee or Agent of another foreign or domestic Church, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, whether or not for profit, as well as in their official capacity with the Church. The Church also may pay for or reimburse the reasonable attorney fees and expenses incurred by a Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents and/or Representatives of the Church who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding. The Church also may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual arising from the individual's status as a Board of Trustee, Member, Officer, Affiliate, Employee, Agent and/or Representative of the Church, whether or not the Church would have power to indemnify the individual against the same liability under the law.

All references in these Articles of Incorporation are deemed to include any amendment or successor thereto. Nothing contained in these Articles of Incorporation shall limit or preclude the exercise of any right relating to indemnification or advance of attorney fees and expenses to any person who is or was a Board of Trustee, Member, Officer, Affiliate, Employee, Agent and/or Representative of the Church or the ability of the Church otherwise to indemnify or advance expenses to any such person by contract or in any other manner. If any word, clause or sentence of the foregoing provisions regarding indemnification or advancement of the attorney fees or expenses shall be held invalid as contrary to law or public policy, it shall be severable and the provisions remaining shall not be otherwise affected. All references in these Articles of Incorporation to Board of Trustee, Member, Officer, Affiliate,

Employee, Agent and/or Representative shall include the heirs, estates, administrators, executors, and personal representatives of such persons.

#### **ARTICLE 25 – COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND IMMUNITIES**

As a distinguished global Christian organization, **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** takes the covenant not to sue and immunities seriously, ensuring that all parties involved understand and respect its terms. The Church along with its Board of Trustee, Member, Officer, Affiliate, Employee, Agent and/or Representative shall not be civilly liable for their actions arising from performing church activities, including, but not limited to claims of negligence, personal injury, and property damage as defined by the laws of the relevant jurisdiction. Members of the congregation as well as any person or institution (either private or government) agree that they shall not file any lawsuits or legal claims against the Church or its Board of Trustee, Member, Officer, Affiliate, Employee, Agent and/or Representative so long as they are affiliated with the Church.

This covenant not to sue is intended to protect the Church or its Board of Trustee, Member, Officer, Affiliate, Employee, Agent and/or Representative from unwarranted outside interference from the government and to preserve the Church's autonomy in its internal affairs. In addition, we require a covenant not to sue from members of the congregation as well as any person or institution (either private or government) so that the Church may operate freely according to our stated mission without the threat of frivolous litigation, while still respecting the individual rights of others without compromising its core values and most importantly though without compromising the Word of God. This covenant is set forth in order to protect the rights that **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** enjoys under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and Article 18 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** understands that sometimes conflicts may occur between individual or institution and the Church leadership, and that the Church is comprised of flawed human beings who are susceptible to sin like everybody else and are thus capable of committing prohibited activities that may require legal sanction. However, the Church expects that such conflicts be worked out rather than resorting to expensive, time-consuming, and potentially divisive litigation, and that only documented tortious and/or illegal conduct by the Church along with its Board of Trustee, Member, Officer, Affiliate, Employee, Agent and/or Representative be subject to legal sanction. We believe in accountability and integrity in the Church along with its Board of Trustee, Member, Officer,



Affiliate, Employee, Agent and/or Representative, and this influences everything **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** does as a church.

#### **ARTICLE 26 – DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of the Church, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 26 §508(c)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or so disposed of shall be disposed of by Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal officer of the Church is then located, exclusively for such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLE 27 – CHURCH COVENANT**

The covenant represents a goal which the church body should strive to attain. Therefore, having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and the assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of the Church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the Church, the expenses of the Church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and private devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, maligning, gossiping, and excessive anger; to be zealous in our effort to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian

courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We, moreover, engage that when we, as members, remove ourselves from the place, we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the Spirit of the covenant and the principles of God's Word.

### **ARTICLE 28 – STATEMENT OF BELIEFS**

The Holy Bible is the inspired word of God and is the basis of our statement of faith. The Church is committed, as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ, to share the good news of salvation to lost mankind. The ordinances of the Church are baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Marriage is a Biblical institution established by God as described by Scripture. We believe the Biblical ideal for marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment. Accordingly, the church's pastors and staff will not officiate in same-sex unions or same-sex marriages, nor will its property or resources be used for such purposes.

The Church recognizes that it cannot, and does not desire to, bind the conscience of individuals in areas where Scripture is silent. Rather, each believer is to be lead in those areas by God, to whom he or she alone is ultimately responsible. We believe the Statement of Beliefs to be an accurate summary of what Scripture teaches:

- **The Inspired Scriptures** - The Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, are the inspired and infallible revelation of God to man and the authority of faith and conduct. SCC accepts the Bible as the revealed will of God, as the all-sufficient rule of faith and standard for daily living. (2 Timothy 3:15-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:13, 2 Peter 1:21.)
- **The One True God** - The one true God has revealed Himself as the "I Am," the Creator and Redeemer of mankind. We believe God eternally exists in three persons called the Trinity which is comprised of God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and God the Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 43:10,11; Genesis 1:1; Ephesians 4:5-6.)

- **Jesus** - The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, death, resurrection, and ascension to the right hand of God.(Revelation 1:8; Hebrews 1:3.)
- **The Fall of Man** - Man was created good and upright; however, man voluntarily transgressed and fell, and thereby, is spiritually dead and away from God. (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:17, 3:6; Romans 5:12-19.)
- **The Salvation of Man** - Man's only hope is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Salvation is by faith through grace and demonstrated in repentance leading to a relationship with Jesus Christ. (John 3:3; Romans 12:13-15; Ephesians 2:8.)
- **Ordinances of the Church** – We believe that following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new believer is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water by full immersion in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe in a unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and grape juice (the body and blood of Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. (Mark 16:16; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.)
- **The Baptism of the Holy Spirit** - Given at Pentecost, we believe the baptism in the Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father available to all Christians. It was sent by Jesus after His Ascension to empower the Church to preach the gospel throughout the whole earth. In scripture the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is accompanied by speaking in tongues (unknown prayer language) (Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4; John 14:15-17.)
- **Sanctification** - The act of separation from that which is evil and dedicating oneself to God and that which is good, upright, and morally pure. (Romans 12:1, 2; 1 Peter 1:16; Hebrews 12:14)
- **The Church and Its Mission** - The Church is the representative of Jesus on earth and is to carry out the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19; Luke 19:10.)

- **The Ministry** - A divinely called and scripturally ordained minister has been provided by God to lead the church in evangelization, worship, building the body, and general leadership of the church. (Mark 16:15-20; John 4:23-24; Ephesians 4:11, 16.)
- **Divine Healing** - Is provided for today by the Scriptures and included in the atonement for our sins. (Isaiah 53:4-5; Matthew 8:16-17; James 5:14-16.)
- **The Blessed Hope and Second Coming** - The resurrection and rapture of all Christians dead and alive to meet Christ in the air is the Blessed Hope. The Second Coming of Christ includes the rapture and a return to earth by Christ with His saints for a thousand-year reign. (Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:17,30.)
- **The Final Judgment** - There will be a final judgment at which all men will be judged. (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48; Revelation 19:20.)
- **The New Heaven and Earth** - All of God's children will reign forever in a new heaven and a new earth. (2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21, 22.)

The Statement of Beliefs of the Church outlines the core principles and values that guide its teachings and practices. It serves as a foundation for members to understand the Church's faith and perspectives on various aspects of life. These beliefs often center around love, compassion, and a sense of community among followers. By adhering to these beliefs, individuals can find solace, support, and spiritual guidance within the Church. Overall, the Statement of Beliefs plays a significant role in defining the identity and mission of the Church.

#### ARTICLE 29 – BIBLICAL INERRANCY STATEMENT

Biblical inerrancy is a fundamental doctrine that affirms the truthfulness and authority of the Bible. It is based on the belief that God, as the source of truth, has revealed himself through the written word of Scripture. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Bible is wholly and verbally God-given, and therefore possesses absolute authority for all Christians.

- **God, the Source of Truth.** To comprehend the concept of biblical inerrancy, we must first acknowledge that God is the ultimate source of truth. Jesus declares in John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth and the life." As the embodiment of truth, the nature of God is unchanging and infallible. Therefore, when God speaks, His words are inherently true and trustworthy.
- **The Holy Bible.** The Bible is not merely a collection of human writings; it is God's own Words. Through the process of divine inspiration, God guided human authors to write His message to humanity. 2 Timothy 3:16 affirms this, "All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness." The divine origin of the Holy Bible ensures its inherent truthfulness and authority.
- **The Holy Spirit's Role.** The Holy Spirit plays a crucial role in our understanding and acceptance of biblical inerrancy. As the divine Author of Scripture, the Holy Spirit both authenticates it to us by His inward witness and opens our minds to comprehend its meaning. Without the work of the Holy Spirit, the truth contained within the Scriptures may remain veiled or misunderstood.
- **Wholly and Verbally God-Given.** Biblical inerrancy asserts that Scripture is wholly and verbally God-given. This means that every word, phrase and concept within the Bible is divinely inspired and without error. 2 Peter 1:21 confirms this, "For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." This divine authorship ensures the accuracy and reliability of the Scriptures.
- **Scripture's Error-Free Teachings.** The belief in biblical inerrancy extends to all aspects of Scripture, including its teachings. The Bible is not only accurate in matters of faith and salvation but also in historical, scientific and cultural contexts. While the Bible employs various literary genres, such as poetry or metaphor, its underlying message remains free from error. This assurance allows believers to trust in the teachings of the Bible as a reliable guide for life.
- **The Authority of Scripture.** Biblical inerrancy upholds the authority of Scripture as the final and ultimate source of truth. The Bible serves as the standard by which all other beliefs,

teachings and actions are to be evaluated. This Authority of Scripture guides believers in their faith, conduct and decision making.

Biblical inerrancy has profound implications for Christian belief and practice. It underscores the reliability of Scripture as a source of truth, provides a solid foundation for faith, and challenges any attempts to undermine or distort its message. By embracing the inerrancy of Scripture, Christians affirm their belief in the sovereign authority of God and the trustworthiness of His Word.

#### **ARTICLE 30 – RECOGNITION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RIGHTS**

Religious freedom is a fundamental right that is enshrined in numerous legal frameworks. As a religious organization, the rights and freedoms of **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**, including the right to practice its faith and engage in religious expressions (including establishing its own institutions and managing its internal affairs) are recognized and protected by both federal laws of the United States of America and International laws of United Nations Conventions. These rights are essential for the Church to fulfill its missions without interference or discrimination. Thus, **ALL** individuals and **ALL** institutions (both private and governmental) acknowledge, concur and uphold the status of **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**, as a religious organization with legally enshrined rights, safeguards and guarantees.

The Religious Freedom Rights bestowed upon the Church guarantee the unfettered expression of its Christian values and beliefs in various spheres of life. This extends to the realms of teaching, worship, practice, and observance, both within the confines of the church and in the broader community. As such, no individual or entity, whether private or governmental, shall impede, persecute, or harass any representatives of the Church, including its Board of Trustees, members, officers, affiliates, employees, agents, subsidiaries, and representatives.

This unwavering dedication to religious freedom is rooted in the Church's acknowledgment of its inherent rights under Federal laws of the United States and the International laws. These specific religious freedom rights guaranteed to **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** under:

- **Federal Laws of the United States of America - First Amendment – US. Constitution**

These rights apply to RICI as a religious organization and protect its right to conduct its religious activities, including worship services, Bible study, and other religious observances.

The government cannot discriminate against RIC1 or interfere with its religious practices based on its religious beliefs or practices.

Notwithstanding all other bylaw or policy established by institutions, church or corporations that may contradict or conflict with the First Amendment, the US Constitution shall overrule such law, thus ensuring this Church, including but not limited to its Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents, Subsidiaries, and/or Representatives of this Church, has the right to freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief and opinion. In furtherance of the foregoing, a person shall not be compelled to act, or engage in any act, that is contrary to their belief or religion.

- **508(c)(1)(A)**

Section 26 §508(c)(1)(A) of the US Internal Revenue Code provides tax-exempt status to religious organizations that meet certain requirements. Therefore, the Church qualifies for tax-exempt status under this provision because it is a religious organization that is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes.

- **International Laws - United Nations – Article 18 of Universal Declaration of Human Rights**

Religious Freedom Rights are further protected by International Law as provided under Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which guarantees and protects the Church the rights to practice its religion freely, without fear of persecution or discrimination; guarantees and protects the Church the right to worship, teach and observe its religious beliefs both in public and private; and guarantees and protects the Church including but not limited to its Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, Affiliates, Employees, Agents, Subsidiaries, and/or Representatives of this Church, has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

The Church has the rights to teach, practice, worship and observe its Christian beliefs and its core values without hindrance. This includes conducting services, hosting Bible studies and engaging in other religious activities. The Religious Freedom Rights protect the Church from interference by any person or institution, private or governmental. This means that **NO** one and **NO** institutions (either private or government) can interfere, persecute and/or harass the Church including but not limited to

its Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, subsidiaries, affiliated partners, or other representatives based on their religious beliefs, practices and moral values.

The Religious Freedom Rights of **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** are essential to the Church's ability to fulfill its missions and the communities serve. These rights protect the Church from interference and persecution, allowing it to freely manifest its Christian values and beliefs. That said, the Church has ANY and ALL rights to take legal action(s) if and only if it believes its religious freedom rights have been violated. This includes filing lawsuits against any person or institution (private or governmental) who campaign against the Church (including but not limited to its Board of Trustees, Members, Officers, subsidiaries, affiliated partners, or other representatives) and/or those any person or institution (private or governmental) who attempt to limit its religious activities. By consistently upholding our rights, the Church can strengthen its relationship with the community and effectively spread its message. By being actively involved in addressing societal issues and providing support to those in need, the Church can demonstrate its commitment to serving as a compassionate and empathetic institution based on the principles of the Word of God. This approach enables the Church to maintain its integrity while making a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals in its community.

#### ARTICLE 31 – SEPERATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

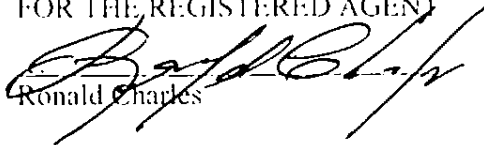
The Church is recognized as a religious entity that firmly adheres to the principle of Separation of Church and State. This principle dictates that the Church operates autonomously from government or political interference, ensuring its independence in religious matters. As a religious entity, the Church is entitled to exercise its rights and privileges under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America and Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations. Therefore, the Separation of Church and State empowers **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.** to govern itself according to its religious beliefs and values. The Church's management, policies and practices are determined solely by its leadership, free from external influences or coercion. This independence allows the Church to maintain its unique identity and its missions without compromising the Word of God, its religious principles, its integrity and its core values. The Church is committed to uphold(ing) the highest standards of ethical conduct, integrity and transparency in all its activities and endeavors.



**ARTICLE 32 – ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Have been named to accept service process for **REDEEMED INTERNATIONAL CHURCH, INC.**, at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation. I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agrees to in such capability. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes and/or laws relating to the proper and complete performance of duties.

FOR THE REGISTERED AGENT

  
Ronald Charles

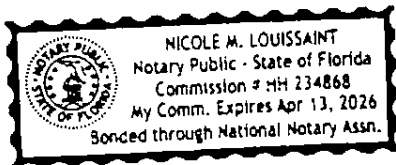
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State of Florida

Pursuant to the provision of the State Statute Section §117.05(13)(a) of the State of Florida, the following notarial certificate is sufficient for an acknowledgment in an individual capacity.

State of Florida

County of Miami-Dade

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day ✓ of June, 2024, by (name of person acknowledging.) Ronald Charles



Nicole M. Louissaint  
(Name of Notary Typed, Printed or Stamped)

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