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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: TEMPLE OF WESTERN PURE LAND INC.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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

<input type="checkbox"/> \$70.00 Filing Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> \$73.75 Filing Fee & Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> \$122.50 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$131.25 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate
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FROM: Ching-Chih Chu  
Name (Printed or typed)

1829 Sir Lancelot Circle,  
Address

St. Cloud, Florida 34772  
City, State & Zip

(407) 892-7924  
Daytime Telephone number

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

March 18, 1996

Qualification/Tax Lien Section  
Division of Corporation  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Attention: Ms. Sharon Tala, Document Specialist Supervisor

Re: Filing and Registration for A Non-Profit Corporation -  
Temple of Western Pure Land Inc.

Dear Ms. Tala:

Thank you most sincerely for your kind assistance in the subject..

The undersigned has taken vow as a Buddhist monk for more than 35 years (took tonsure in September 1961) and served the Keelung and Taiwanese communities with great honor and pleasure. I found America a great country full of wonderful people, managed by a very democratic and competent government. I personally firmly believe, if Buddha's great teachings can be a part of spiritual education and guidance to as many people as we can reach, America as well as the whole world shall become a much better place for mankind to live.

As a Buddhism practitioner, I like to share with people my personal experience in the pursuit of enlightenment and liberation. Buddhism is an education of our minds, which lead us to peace, caring and harmony with all living beings. My first trip to USA was in 1990, with my lectures and practice with all friends, we were asked so many times to establish a Buddhist Learning and Practice Center to help people. Finally in 1995, we gave this matter a serious thought and decided to establish a Buddhist monastery in Central Florida for all people here in this beautiful Sunshine State.

Enclosed please find the documents as follows:

- (1) Articles of Incorporation (as per your format and instructions)
- (2) Certificate of taking Priestly vow
- (3) Our check in the amount of \$131.25 for filing and certificate and certified copy fee

All the officers and directors of our Temple are Buddhist monks, priests and nuns who all have taken serious priestly vows to serve all living beings with Buddha's doctrine and teachings.

We sincerely thank you for all your kind assistance and prompt processing in our favor. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ruth Chen by phone No. (813)684-6364 as she is our current interpreter.

As you may notice, we have changed our temple's name to Temple of Western Pure Land

instead of Supreme Enlightenment Temple. We sincerely hope this name change has not caused you too much trouble.

Very truly yours,  
TEMPLE OF WESTERN PURE LAND

*Shih, Chien-Hsin*

Shih, Chien-Hsin, Abbot  
1829 Sir Lancelot Circle  
St., Cloud, Fl 34772

Encl. as mentioned

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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION (NOT FOR PROFIT)**

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We, the undersigned, acting as incorporators of a non-profit corporation pursuant to chapter 617, of Florida Statutes, adopt the following articles of incorporation:

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Name**

The name of this corporation shall be: TEMPLE OF WESTERN PURE LAND INC. This corporation is not for profit corporation.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

1829 Sir Lancelot Circle, St. Cloud, Florida 34772

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **PURPOSES**

The purpose of this corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the General Corporation Law of Florida other than the banking business, and the trust company business or the practice of a professional be permitted to be incorporated by the Florida Corporation Code. The overall goal of this corporation is to promote Buddhism for the welfare of all human beings. The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

1. To promote world peace and brotherhood.
2. To practice Buddha's teachings in order to achieve a mind of clarity, purity and tranquillity.
3. To provide social, educational, cultural services to the community.
4. To participate in community volunteer services and charitable activities.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is as follows:

1. To be appointed by Ven. Master Shih, Chien-Hsin, President (the Abbot)
2. To be elected by Annual Board of Directors Meetings.

## ARTICLE V

### LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this corporation are provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

## ARTICLE VI

### INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The initial registered office address for this corporation is 1829 Sir Lancelot Circle, St. Cloud, Florida 34772, and the registered agent at this address is: Ching-Chih Chu.

## ARTICLE VII

### INCORPORATORS

The names and the street addresses of the incorporators for these articles of incorporation are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Shih, Chien-Hsin, President	1829 Sir Lancelot Circle, St. Cloud, Fl 34772
Chiu, Shu-Chu, Vice President	1829 Sir Lancelot Circle, St. Cloud, Fl 34772
Chu, Ching-Chih, Secretary	1829 Sir Lancelot Circle, St. Cloud, Fl 34772
Chuang, Su-Chun, Treasurer	1829 Sir Lancelot Circle, St. Cloud, Fl 34772
Wu, Hsi-Mei, Director	1829 Sir Lancelot Circle, St. Cloud, Fl 34772
Lin, Mei Hua, Director	1829 Sir Lancelot Circle, St. Cloud, Fl 34772

The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 18th day of March, 1996.

Signatures of Incorporators:

Shih, Chien-Hsin  
Shih, Chien-Hsin, President

Chiu, Shu-Chu  
Chiu, Shu-Chu, Vice President

Chu, Ching-Chih  
Chu, Ching-Chih, Secretary

Chuang, Su-Chun  
Chuang, Su-Chun, Treasurer

Wu, Hsi-Mei  
Wu, Hsi-Mei, Director

Lin, Mei Hua  
Lin, Mei Hua, Director

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

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.

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1. The name of the corporation is:

TEMPLE OF WESTERN PURE LAND INC.

(must include suffix)

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

Ching-Chih, Chu

(NAME)

1829 Sir Lancelot Circle

(P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** ACCEPTABLE)

St. Cloud, Florida 34772

(CITY/STATE/ZIP)

*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.*

Ching-Chih Chu  
(SIGNATURE) Ching-Chih Chu

3-18-1996  
(DATE)



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Translation & Attestation Association of Taipei  
Taipei, Taiwan, the Republic of China

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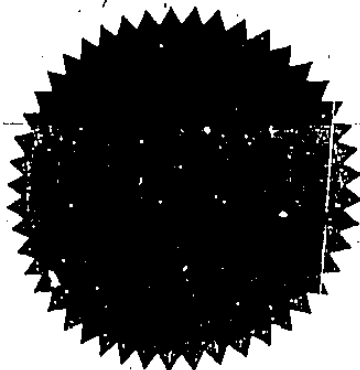
I, Nancy Tang being duly sworn, depose and say:  
that I am thoroughly conversant with the English and  
Chinese languages, that I have carefully read the  
attached translation and compared same with the original  
document in Chinese language, that said translation is a  
true and correct version of such original, to the best of my  
knowledge and belief.

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Translator

Office FAR EAST TRANSLATION SERVICE

TAAT Membership No. 043

In witness whereof I have unto set my hand and affixed my official  
seal on October 19, 1995.



Square C. Y. Fang  
SQUARE C. Y. FANG  
Chairman of the Board of Directors  
Translation & Attestation  
Association of Taipei

FOR THE CONTENTS OF ANNEXED DOCUMENT  
I ASSUME NO RESPONSIBILITY.

(Translation)

Chinese Buddhism Society  
CERTIFICATE OF TAKING PRIESTLY VOW

Date : Oct. 31, 1962  
File No.: Chung-fo-chloh-tzu  
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This is to certify that Chuan-ming (the name before taking tonsure: PANG, Chion-shan) also known as Chion-hsin 見性, aged 31 this year, of Chekiang Province, became a monk of Koolung Thorough Awareness Buddhist Temple under the guidance of Priest Wei-ting in 1961, has decided to devote himself to Triratna and take priestly vow at Haihui Temple of Koolung, Taiwan in September, 1961, voluntarily devote all his life to abide by Buddhist Scriptures and having examined to be qualified. This Certificate is hereby issued in accordance with Article 9 of the Rules of Vows.

PAI, Yun (affixed)  
Chairman

This Certificate is given to Priest Chuan-ming.

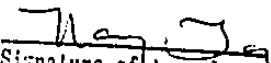
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Issued on Oct. 31, 1961

FAR EAST TRANSLATION SERVICE

I certify that I have faithfully and accurately translated in the English language the content of the original document.

OCT 18 1995

  
Signature of translator

# 中國佛教會受戒證書

中島五字第叁貳號

茲有傳明 (俗名龐龍書) 字見性現年三十一

歲係浙江省人曾於民國五十年投臺灣

省基隆市大覺寺依惟定法師出家發

心於民國五十年九月在臺灣基隆

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理事長





右給菩薩比丘傳明收執

羯磨 慧三大和尚  
得戒 道源大和尚  
教授 白聖大和尚

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惠光大和尚  
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續祥大和尚  
靈源大和尚  
錢明大和尚  
鐵室大和尚  
心妙大和尚

引

白聖法師  
悟明法師  
淨念法師  
淨心法師  
聖心法師  
性常法師

中華民國五十年十一月三十一日填發

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Department of State  
Division of Corporation  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: TEMPLE OF WESTERN PURE LAND, INCORPORATED

(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

*Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and a check of \$87.50 for filing fee and a certified copy.*

ENCLOSURE 1 50134-000  
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From:

CHIENTSIN SHIH

Name (printed or typed)

1829 SIR LANCELOT CIRCLE

Address

ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA 34772

City, State & Zip

(407) 892-7924

Daytime Telephone Number

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*Amend.*

## AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Temple of Western Pure Land, Inc. registered with the Department of State of Florida on March 20, 1996. The document number of the corporation is N96000001553. The board of directors of the Temple of Western Pure Land, Inc. has adopted the following amendments to the Articles of Incorporation which have been approved by all shareholders on July 22, 1996.

### **Amendment to Article III: Purposes**

The amended Article shall read as follows:

The purposes of this organization is organized exclusively for religious, educational, and charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The overall goal of this organization is to promote Buddhism for the welfare of all human beings. The specific purposes for which this organization is organized are:

1. To promote world peace and brotherhood.
2. To practice Buddha's teachings in order to achieve a mind of clarity, purity, and tranquility.
3. To provide social, educational, and cultural services to the community.
4. To participate in community volunteer services and charitable activities.

### **Additions to Articles of Incorporation:**

#### **Article VIII, Financing and Management**

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for service rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of

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any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organizations then located, exclusively for such purposes to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes

Signed this July 22, 1996 by

President: Chien Hsin Shih (Chien Hsin Shih)

**N96000001553**

**Robert J. Rao**

Attorney at Law  
20 S. Rose Avenue, Suite 1  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

Telephone: (907) 846-0936  
Facsimile: (907) 846-6512

Post Office Box 121845  
Tallahassee, Florida 32312-1845

April 23, 1997

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Division of Corporations  
The Capitol  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

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Re : Temple of Western Pure Land Inc.

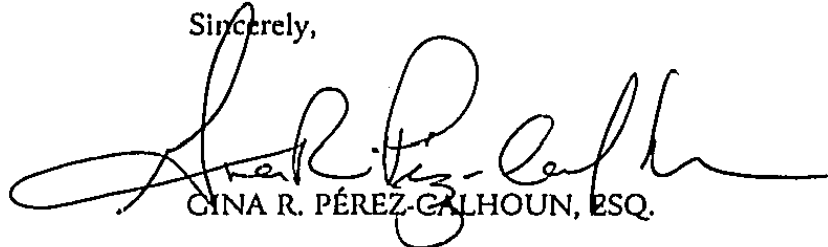
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Gentlemen:

Enclosed is an original and copy of a change of resident agent notification for the above listed not-for-profit corporation together with our check for \$35.00 for the filing fee.

Please return a date stamped copy to us in the envelope provided. If you need anything further, please advise.

Sincerely,

  
GINA R. PÉREZ-CALHOUN, ESQ.

GPC:aj

Enclosures

RA Chg.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Sandra B. Mortham  
Secretary of State

May 6, 1997

GINA R. PEREZ-CALHOUN, ESQ.  
POST OFFICE BOX 421845  
KISSIMMEE, FL 34742-1845

SUBJECT: TEMPLE OF WESTERN PURE LAND INC.  
Ref. Number: N96000001553

We have received your document for TEMPLE OF WESTERN PURE LAND INC. and your check(s) totaling \$35.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

We are enclosing the proper form(s) with instructions for your convenience.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (904) 487-6909.

Velma Shepard  
Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 697A00023834

Enclosed is the completed form per your request as stated above. You are in possession of our original filing fee of \$35.00. I hope this is satisfactory to complete this matter.

Gina R. Perez-Calhoun

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Florida Department of State, Sandra B. Mortham, Secretary of State

**STATEMENT OF CHANGE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED AGENT OR BOTH FOR CORPORATIONS**

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 607.0502, 617.0502, 607.1508, or 617.1508, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation organized under the laws of the State of FLORIDA submits the following statement in order to change its registered office or registered agent, or both, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is: TEMPLE OF WESTERN PURE LAND INC.

2. The mailing address of the corporation is: 1829 Sir Lancelot Circle  
St. Cloud, Florida 34772

3. Date of incorporation/qualification: March 20, 1996 Document number: N96000001553

4. The name and address of the current registered agent and office:

Ching-Chih Chu c/o Temple of Western Pure Land Inc.  
1829 Sir Lancelot Circle  
St. Cloud, Florida 34772

5. The name and address of the new registered agent and office: (P.O. Box Not Acceptable)

Chien-Hsin Shih c/o Temple of Western Pure Land Inc.  
1829 Sir Lancelot Circle  
St. Cloud, Florida 34772

The street address of its registered office and the street address of the business office of its registered agent, as changed, will be identical.

Such change was authorized by resolution duly adopted by its board of directors or by an officer so authorized by the board.

x Chien H. Shih

(Signature of an officer, chairman or vice chairman of the board)

May 9, 1997

(Date)

Ven Master Chien-Hsin Shih, President (the Abbot)  
(Printed or typed name and title)

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, 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 relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent.

x Chien H. Shih

(Signature of Registered Agent)

May 9, 1997

(Date)

If signing on behalf of an entity:

Chien-Hsin Shih

(Typed or Printed Name)

Ven Master

(Capacity)