

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Office of the Secretary of State

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Non-Profit Corporation Articles of Incorporation

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

### **ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is Church of the Holy Paraclete

#### ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is X Perpetual

#### ARTICLE III

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to incorporations that qualify as exempt incorporations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

This corporation intends to console, intercede, help, comfort, and advocate for the marginalized members of society by being a Church. As a Church we gather to pray, share fellowship, and do outreach to the greater community. The Church encourages arts and culture in all forms.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation 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 candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

## **ARTICLE IV**

Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

THE CORPORATION SHALL, TO THE EXTENT LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE, INDEMNIFY EACH PERSON WHO MAY SERVE OR WHO HAS SERVED AT ANY TIME AS A DIRECTOR, PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, ASSISTANT TREASURER, CLERK, ASSISTANT CLERK OR OTHER OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION OR WHO AT THE

REQUEST OF THE CORPORATION MAY SERVE OR AT ANY TIME HAS SERVED AS A FIDUCIARY OR TRUSTEE OF AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN OF THE CORPORATION (COLLECTIVELY, "INDEMNIFIED OFFICERS" OR INDIVIDUALLY, "INDEMNIFIED OFFICER"), AGAINST ALL EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, COUNSEL FEES, JUDGMENTS, FINES, EXCISE TAXES, PENALTIES AND SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS, REASONABLY INCURRED BY OR IMPOSED UPON SUCH PERSON IN CONNECTION WITH ANY THREATENED, PENDING OR COMPLETED ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING WHETHER CIVIL, CRIMINAL, ADMINISTRATIVE OR INVESTIGATIVE (A "PROCEEDING") IN WHICH AN INDEMNIFIED OFFICER MAY BECOME INVOLVED BY REASON OF SERVING OR HAVING SERVED IN SUCH CAPACITY (OTHER THAN A PROCEEDING VOLUNTARILY INITIATED BY SUCH PERSON UNLESS A MAJORITY OF THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZED THE PROCEEDING); PROVIDED THAT NO INDEMNIFICATION SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY SUCH INDEMNIFIED OFFICER WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER AS TO WHICH THE INDEMNIFIED OFFICER SHALL HAVE BEEN FINALLY ADJUDICATED IN ANY PROCEEDING NOT TO HAVE ACTED IN GOOD FAITH IN THE REASONABLE BELIEF THAT SUCH INDEMNIFIED OFFICER'S ACTION WAS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CORPORATION OR, TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH MATTER RELATES TO SERVICE WITH RESPECT TO AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN, IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS OR BENEFICIARIES OF SUCH EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN; AND FURTHER PROVIDED THAT ANY COMPROMISE OR SETTLEMENT PAYMENT SHALL BE APPROVED BY THE CORPORATION IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED BELOW FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF INDEMNIFICATION.

SUCH INDEMNIFICATION MAY, TO THE EXTENT AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION, INCLUDE PAYMENT BY THE CORPORATION OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN DEFENDING A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ADVANCE OF THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING, UPON RECEIPT OF AN UNDERTAKING BY THE INDEMNIFIED OFFICER TO REPAY SUCH PAYMENT IF NOT ENTITLED TO INDEMNIFICATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE, WHICH UNDERTAKING MAY BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT REGARD TO THE FINANCIAL ABILITY OF SUCH INDEMNIFIED OFFICER TO MAKE REPAYMENT.

THE PAYMENT OF ANY INDEMNIFICATION OR ADVANCE SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY DEEMED AUTHORIZED BY THE CORPORATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE, AND EACH DIRECTOR AND OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION APPROVING SUCH PAYMENT SHALL BE WHOLLY PROTECTED, IF:

I. THE PAYMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED OR RATIFIED (1) BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE DIRECTORS WHO ARE NOT AT THAT TIME PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDING OR (2) BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF A COMMITTEE OF TWO OR MORE DIRECTORS WHO ARE NOT AT THAT TIME PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDING AND ARE SELECTED FOR THIS PURPOSE BY THE FULL BOARD (IN WHICH SELECTION DIRECTORS WHO ARE PARTIES MAY PARTICIPATE); OR

II. THE ACTION IS TAKEN IN RELIANCE UPON THE OPINION OF INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL (WHO MAY BE COUNSEL TO THE CORPORATION) APPOINTED FOR THE PURPOSE BY VOTE OF THE DIRECTORS IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED IN CLAUSES (1) OR (2) OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OR, IF THAT MANNER IS NOT POSSIBLE, APPOINTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS THEN IN OFFICE; OR

III. THE DIRECTORS HAVE OTHERWISE ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD OF CONDUCT APPLIED TO DIRECTORS UNDER TITLE 7 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS, AS AMENDED; OR

# IV. A COURT HAVING JURISDICTION SHALL HAVE APPROVED THE PAYMENT.

THE INDEMNIFICATION PROVIDED HEREUNDER SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF ANY INDEMNIFIED OFFICER ENTITLED TO INDEMNIFICATION HEREUNDER.

THE RIGHT OF INDEMNIFICATION UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT EXCLUSIVE OF ALL OTHER RIGHTS TO WHICH ANY PERSON MAY BE ENTITLED. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHTS TO INDEMNIFICATION TO WHICH CORPORATION EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND OTHER PERSONS MAY BE ENTITLED BY CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE UNDER LAW.

NO AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE RIGHT OF AN INDEMNIFIED OFFICER UNDER THIS ARTICLE SHALL APPLY TO THAT INDEMNIFIED OFFICER WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF SUCH INDEMNIFIED OFFICER THAT OCCURRED AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO SUCH AMENDMENT OR REPEAL, UNLESS SUCH AMENDMENT OR REPEAL WAS VOTED FOR BY OR WAS MADE WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF SUCH INDEMNIFIED OFFICER.

## **ARTICLE V**

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 9 BELKNAP ST.

City or Town: PROVIDENCE State: RI Zip: 02903

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is DAVID MARTINS

# **ARTICLE VI**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is <u>6</u> and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name	Address
	First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	RICO CONFORTI	50 WEYBOSSETT ST. PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA
DIRECTOR	NICHOLAS CICCONE JR	147 BERKLEY STREET WALTHAM, MA 02451 USA
DIRECTOR	MICHAEL GRIMMER	464 CHALKSTONE AVE. PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 USA

## **ARTICLE VII**

The name and address of the each incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name	Address
	First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
TREASURER	JAMIE THIBAULT	464 CHALKSTONE AVE. PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 USA
CLERK	DAVID MARTINS	9 BELKNAP ST. PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA
INCORPORATOR	JAKE THIBAULT	464 CHALKSTONE AVE. PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 USA
INCORPORATOR	DAVID MARTINS	9 BELKNAP ST. PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 USA
INCORPORATOR	NICHOLAS CICCONE JR	147 BERKLEY ST. WALTHAM, MA 02451 USA

# **ARTICLE VIII**

Date when corporate existence is to begin 12/28/2009 (not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

**Signed this 28 Day of December, 2009 at 2:23:12 PM by the incorporator(s).** This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.

JAKE THIBAULT

DAVID MARTINS

NICHOLAS CICCONE JR

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