# **Articles of Incorporation**

# **Vision And Fraternity Ministries**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation under Chapter 7-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

## **Article 1 Corporation Name**

The name of this corporation shall be Vision And Fraternity Ministries.

### **Article 2 Duration**

The period of its duration is perpetual.

### **Article 3 Purpose**

The specific purpose for which the corporation is organized is to establish and oversee places of worship, teach and preach the gospel to all people, conduct evangelistic and humanitarian outreach, license and ordain ministers of the gospel, support missions, church planting and to also engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.

# **Article 4 Non Profit Corporation**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 in Article 3. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on 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 any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on: (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or: (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue laws.

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### **Article 5 Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution of the corporation, 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 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 a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# **Article 6 Registered Office And Registered Agent**

The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation is Ana L. Contreras, and the address of the initial registered office is:

82 Killingly St. Providence, RI 02909

### **Article 7 Directors**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is five (5). The directors whose positions and duties are set forth in the bylaws will manage the affairs of this corporation. The names of the officers who are to serve until the first such election are as follows:

Ana L. Contreras Ilmar Mendez Osvaldo Gonzalez
82 Killingly St. 16 Hampton St. Apt. 2 77 Judith St.
Providence, RI 02909 Providence, RI 02904 Providence, RI 02909

Felipe Figueroa Denny Mazariegos 82 Killingly St. 53 Parkis Ave. Apt. 4 Providence, RI 02909 Providence, RI 02909

## **Article 8 Incorporator**

The name and residence address of the incorporator is as follows:

Ana L. Contreras 82 Killingly St. Providence, RI 02909

#### **Article 9 Members**

This corporation shall have members. The eligibility, rights and obligations of the members will be determined by the organization's bylaws.

### **Article 10 Bylaws**

The first bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the board of directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by the board of directors in the manner provided by such bylaws.

# **Article 11 Amendments To Articles Of Incorporation**

These articles of incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or in the following manner:

Every amendment shall be approved by a majority vote of the board of directors.

### **Article 12 Effective Date**

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective upon filing.

Under penalty of perjury, I/we declare and affirm that I/we have examined these Articles of Incorporation, including any accompanying attachments, and that all statements contained herein are true and correct.

Ana L. Contreras, Incorporator

Date