



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

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**Non-Profit Corporation  
Articles of Amendment**

(Section 7-6-40 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is The Way Ministries

If the entity's name is changing, state the new name: The Way Ministries

**ARTICLE II**

If the corporate duration is changing, so state: X Perpetual     

If the corporate purpose is changing, so state:

THE PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION IS TO (I) OPERATE AS A  
NONDENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND FOR RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE  
AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES RELATED TO THE CONGREGATION'S OPERATIONS;  
AND (II) CARRY ON ANY OTHER LAWFUL ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF AND TO BENEFIT  
THE ABOVE PURPOSES AS MAY BE CARRIED ON BY AN ORGANIZATION DESCRIBED  
IN SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, AND  
BY A CORPORATION UNDER THE RHODE ISLAND NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT.

If there is a change in the number of directors, modify this section:

The number of directors constituting the Board of Directors of the Corporation is

and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	JOHN NICHOLAS CERCE	25 HURDIS STREET NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02904 USA
DIRECTOR	JOSEPH LUIS DUARTE	29 TEMPLE AVE. WARWICK, RI 02888 USA
DIRECTOR	NICHOLAS JOHN CERCE	642 DIAMOND HILL ROAD WOONSOCKET, RI 02895 USA

If there are any other provisions to be amended, so state:

ARTICLE 4 OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

4. 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:

(A) THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES, THE MAKING OF DISTRIBUTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS WHICH QUALIFY AS EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, OR THE CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

(B) NO PART OF THE NET EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO ANY OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION OR ANY PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL, 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 ITS EXEMPT PURPOSES. NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION SHALL CONSIST OF 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.

(C) 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, AS AMENDED (OR THE CORRESPONDING PROVISION OF ANY FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE CODE); OR (B) BY A CORPORATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170(C)(2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (OR THE CORRESPONDING PROVISION OF ANY FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE CODE).

(D) UPON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION, THE CORPORATION'S ASSETS SHALL NOT BE CONVEYED TO ANY ORGANIZATION CREATED OR OPERATED FOR PROFIT OR TO ANY INDIVIDUAL, AND ALL OF THE REMAINING ASSETS OF THE CORPORATION, AFTER THE PAYMENT OF ALL OF THE LIABILITIES OF THE CORPORATION, SHALL BE CONVEYED OR DISTRIBUTED TO ONE OR MORE ORGANIZATIONS WITH PURPOSES SIMILAR TO THE PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION AND EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (OR CORRESPONDING PROVISION OF ANY FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE CODE). ANY SUCH ASSETS NOT SO DISPOSED OF SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION IS THEN LOCATED, EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH PURPOSES OR TO SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, AS SAID COURT SHALL DETERMINE, WHICH ARE ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

(E) THE CORPORATION MAY EXERCISE ALL OTHER RIGHTS AND POWERS CONFERRED UPON CORPORATIONS FORMED UNDER RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 7-6, AS NOW IN FORCE OR AS HEREAFTER AMENDED; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITIES OR EXERCISE ANY POWERS THAT ARE NOT IN FURTHERANCE OF THE SPECIFIC AND PRIMARY PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION.

### ARTICLE III

The Amendment was adopted in the following manner:

**(check one box only)**

☐ The amendment was adopted at a meeting of members held on , at which meeting a quorum was present, and the amendment received at least a majority of the votes which members present or represented by proxy at such meeting were entitled to cast.

☐ The amendment was adopted by a consent in writing on , signed by all members entitled to vote with respect thereto.

☒ The amendment was adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on 4/25/2019 , and received the vote of a majority of the directors in office, there being no members entitled to vote with respect thereto.

#### ARTICLE IV

Date when amendment is to become effective  
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Amendment)

**Signed this 25 Day of April, 2019 at 12:48:56 PM.** *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.*

The Way Ministries  
Corporate Name

By JOHN NICHOLAS CERCE

☒ President or ☐ Vice President (check one)

**AND**

By NICHOLAS JOHN CERCE

☒ Secretary or ☐ Assistant Secretary (check one)

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