



**State of Rhode Island  
Office of the Secretary of State**

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Division Of Business Services  
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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 Providence International Christian Church

**ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration is X Perpetual     

**ARTICLE III**

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

THIS CORPORATION IS A RELIGIOUS CORPORATION AND IS NOT ORGANIZED FOR THE PRIVATE GAIN OF ANY PERSON.  
IT IS ORGANIZED UNDER THE NONPROFIT CORPORATION ACT EXCLUSIVELY FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES. THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH THIS CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED ARE RELIGIOUS ONES, TO WIT: TO CREATE, ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A CHURCH OR CHURCHES COMPOSED OF SOLD-OUT DISCIPLES OF CHRIST; TO PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE AND FOSTER THE DISSEMINATION OF RELIGIOUS AND MORAL TEACHING OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST ON A WORLDWIDE SCALE BASED ON MATTHEW 28:18-20; TO PROVIDE A PLACE FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP, RELIGIOUS TRAINING AND EDUCATION WHERE THIS CAN OCCUR; AND TO OTHERWISE ENCOURAGE AND AID THE GROWTH, NURTURE AND SPREAD OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION, AS THE LORD DIRECTS FROM THE BIBLE. IN CARRYING OUT SUCH PURPOSES, TO SERVE THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, ITS CONGREGATIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AGENCIES, AND MEMBERS; TO CONTRIBUTE OR OTHERWISE ASSIST THESE AND OTHER CORPORATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

CARRYING ON SUCH  
ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION;  
AND TO OTHER  
ACTIONS ASSISTING THE  
WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES; AND TO ACQUIRE BY  
PURCHASE OR GIFT,  
SUCH PROPERTY WHETHER  
THESE PURPOSES AS CONTAINED IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS INTENDED TO BE  
EXCLUSIVE OF ANY AND  
ALL OTHER  
PURPOSES, THIS CORPORATION BEING FORMED FOR SUCH RELIGIOUS PURPOSES  
ONLY.

#### **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:

##### STATEMENT OF FAITH

THIS CORPORATION SHALL CONTINUALLY AND STEADFASTLY UPHOLD AND  
MAINTAIN THE  
FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF FAITH  
OF THE CORPORATION, TO WIT:

TRUSTING IN JESUS CHRIST AS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, WE BELIEVE THAT:

1. GOD PHYSICALLY RESURRECTED JESUS FROM THE DEAD.

2. THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED BY GOD AND IS OUR SOLE AUTHORITY. THUS, WE ARE A  
BIBLE  
CHURCH, NOT SIMPLY A  
NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH II TIMOTHY 3:16, WE BELIEVE THAT "ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-  
BREATHED AND  
IS USEFUL FOR  
TEACHING, REBUKING, CORRECTING AND TRAINING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS." IN THIS  
PASSAGE, THE  
WORD "SCRIPTURE"  
REFERS TO ONLY THE OLD TESTAMENT, BUT NOW, THROUGH THE SPIRIT, WE  
BELIEVE THAT THIS  
PASSAGE APPLIES AS  
WELL TO THE NEW TESTAMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MOSAIC LAW OF THE OLD  
TESTAMENT IS  
NO LONGER BINDING  
ON US (COLOSSIANS 2:13-17). HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE OLD TESTAMENT IS  
INSPIRED BY  
GOD AND  
CONTAINS SCRIPTURAL CONCEPTS THAT GOD IS COMMANDING OUR  
CONGREGATIONS TO FOLLOW  
SUCH AS "CALLING OUT  
THE REMNANT," "DATING AND MARRYING DISCIPLES", "A CENTRAL LEADER AND  
LEADERSHIP FOR  
GOD'S MOVEMENT"

AND THE “JETHRO PRINCIPLE.” THUS, WE ARE A BIBLE CHURCH, NOT JUST A NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.

3. BE SILENT WHERE THE BIBLE SPEAKS AND SPEAK WHERE THE BIBLE IS SILENT.

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US THE FREEDOM TO PRACTICE OR NAME SOMETHING AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT CONTRADICT THE SCRIPTURES (GENESIS 2:19; 1 CORINTHIANS 10:23).

4. DISCIPLING IS A COMMAND OF GOD.

JESUS COMMANDS THAT AFTER A PERSON IS BAPTIZED, THE NEW CONVERT MUST BE “TAUGHT TO OBEY EVERYTHING [HE HAD] COMMANDED” (MATTHEW 28:19-20). WE CALL THIS PRACTICE “DISCIPLING.” WE BELIEVE THAT DISCIPLING IS ILLUSTRATED IN THE “ONE ANOTHER” PASSAGES IN THE BIBLE SUCH AS “LOVE ONE ANOTHER,” “INSTRUCT ONE ANOTHER,” “CONFESS YOUR SINS TO EACH OTHER,” AND “PRAY FOR EACH OTHER” (JOHN 13:34-35; ROMANS 15:14; JAMES 5:16).

5. CENTRAL LEADERSHIP WITH A CENTRAL LEADER.

THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE, WHEN GOD’S PEOPLE WERE UNIFIED, THERE WAS STRONG CENTRAL LEADERSHIP AND A GODLY CENTRAL LEADER. IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, GOD PROVIDED EXAMPLES SUCH AS MOSES, JOSHUA, SAMUEL, AND DAVID. SIMILARLY, IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, JESUS WAS THE LEADER OF THE MOVEMENT BUT WHEN HE ASCENDED TO HEAVEN, PETER AND THEN JESUS’ HALF-BROTHER JAMES LED ALL OF THE FIRST CENTURY CONGREGATIONS. BASED ON THESE EXAMPLES, WE BELIEVE THAT OUR CONGREGATIONS SHOULD NOT BE AUTONOMOUS AND INDEPENDENT BUT SHOULD WORK AS A COLLECTIVE MOVEMENT UNDER A GODLY LEADER.

6. THE NATIONS BEING EVANGELIZED IN THIS GENERATION.

GOD’S CHURCH IN THE BOOK OF ACTS IS PORTRAYED AS A MOVEMENT THAT EVANGELIZED THE NATIONS IN THEIR GENERATION – “THE WORD OF GOD CONTINUED TO INCREASE AND SPREAD” (ACTS 12:24). THIS PASSAGE

DESCRIBES THE NUMERIC “INCREASE” OF DISCIPLES AND THE GEOGRAPHIC “SPREAD” OF THE MOVEMENT. JESUS’ VISION FOR HIS CHURCH WAS TO GO “FROM JERUSALEM, TO ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH” (ACTS 1:8). THIRTY-YEARS LATER, IN 61 AD PAUL CONFIRMED THAT JESUS’ VISION WAS ACCOMPLISHED. HE WROTE “[A]LL OVER THE WORLD THIS GOSPEL IS BEARING FRUIT AND GROWING... THIS IS THE GOSPEL THAT YOU HEARD AND HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED TO EVERY CREATURE UNDER HEAVEN.” (COLOSSIANS 1:6,23). WE BELIEVE THAT JUST AS THE FIRST CENTURY DISCIPLES OBEYED JESUS’ COMMAND AND EVANGELIZED THE WHOLE WORLD IN THE FIRST CENTURY, CERTAINLY WE CAN AND SHOULD DO IT AGAIN IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY.

#### RELATIONSHIP TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC.

THE PROVIDENCE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS CHOSEN TO BE A PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, AND HAS RECOGNIZED THE LORD’S ANOINTING AND AUTHORITY RESTING ON THE SPIRITUAL LEADER, THE WORLD SECTOR LEADERS, AS WELL AS ON THE OTHER MINISTERS THAT HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC. TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND DIRECTION TO EACH CHURCH AND CONGREGATION. AS A PART OF THIS, THE CHURCH HAS SUBMITTED ITSELF TO THE OVERSIGHT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC. IN RECOGNITION OF THIS RELATIONSHIP, THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC. THROUGH ITS SPIRITUAL LEADER, ITS WORLD SECTOR LEADERS, AND ITS OTHER CHOSEN MINISTERS HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE BOTH SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL OVERSIGHT TO THIS CHURCH.

#### TAX EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

THIS CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THESE ARTICLES, THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT CARRY ON ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON BY A CORPORATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OR BY A CORPORATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170(C)(2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL CONSIST OF CARRYING ON PROPAGANDA, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION, AND THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE OR INTERVENE IN ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN (INCLUDING THE PUBLISHING OR DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS ON BEHALF OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE).

#### AUTHORITY OF HEAD CORPORATION

IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER MATTERS SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH IN THE BYLAWS, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED IN WRITING BY THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC. AND BY THE SPIRITUAL LEADER/FOUNDER OR HIS DESIGNEE BEFORE THEY CAN BECOME EFFECTIVE:

- A. AMENDING OR RESTATING THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.
- B. AMENDING, ADOPTING OR REPEALING THE BYLAWS OF THIS CORPORATION.

ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THIS CORPORATION MUST BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC. AND ITS FELLOWSHIP OF CHURCHES. THIS CORPORATION IS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC. AND SHALL DISSOLVE UPON THE ABANDONMENT, WITHDRAWAL OR EXPULSION FROM THE FELLOWSHIP BY THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC.

#### DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

THE PROPERTY OF THIS CORPORATION IS IRREVOCABLY DEDICATED TO RELIGIOUS PURPOSES OF THE MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AND NO

PART OF THE  
NET INCOME OR  
ASSETS OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL EVER INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY  
PRIVATE PERSON.

UPON THE WINDING UP AND DISSOLUTION OF THIS CORPORATION, ITS ASSETS  
REMAINING AFTER  
PAYING AND  
ADEQUATELY PROVIDING FOR ALL DEBTS AND LIABILITIES OF THE CORPORATION,  
THE ASSETS OF  
THIS CORPORATION SHALL  
BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC. OR OTHER  
NONPROFIT FUNDS,  
FOUNDATIONS OR  
CORPORATIONS WITH PURPOSES SIMILAR TO THOSE IDENTIFIED IN ARTICLE 2 OF  
THESE ARTICLES,  
WHICH ARE AFFILIATED  
WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC. AT THE TIME OF DISSOLUTION,  
AND WHICH  
ARE ORGANIZED AND  
OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES, AND ARE EXEMPT FROM  
TAXATION UNDER  
SECTION 501(C)(3) OF  
THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; HOWEVER, IF THE NAMED RECIPIENT(S) IS NOT IN  
EXISTENCE, OR  
IS NOT A QUALIFIED  
DISTRIBUTE, OR IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE DISTRIBUTION, THEN  
THE ASSETS OF  
THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL  
BE DISTRIBUTED TO A FUND, FOUNDATION OR ORGANIZATION ORGANIZED AND  
OPERATED  
EXCLUSIVELY FOR RELIGIOUS  
PURPOSES, AND EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE  
INTERNAL REVENUE  
CODE. THE ACTUAL  
PAYMENT OF DEBTS AND LIABILITIES AND THE DISTRIBUTION MUST BE APPROVED  
BY THE  
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH, INC.

WE FURTHER DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE  
STATE OF RHODE  
ISLAND THAT THE  
MATTERS SET FORTH IN THIS CERTIFICATE ARE TRUE AND CORRECT OF OUR OWN  
KNOWLEDGE.

THE CORPORATION HAS NO MEMBERS.

#### **ARTICLE V**

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

No. and Street: 401 BROADWAY #1R  
City or Town: PROVIDENCE

State: RI

Zip: 02909

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is

ROSENA GOURDET

#### ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 3  
and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
DIRECTOR	CALDER AKIN	11 STEPHEN HOPKINS COURT #11SHC PROVIDENCE, RI 02904 USA
DIRECTOR	ROSENA GOURDET	401 BROADWAY #1R PROVIDENCE, RI 02909 USA
DIRECTOR	JONATHAN ROSBOROUGH	11 STEPHEN HOPKINS COURT #11SHC PROVIDENCE, RI 02911 USA

#### ARTICLE VII

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Title	Individual Name First, Middle, Last, Suffix	Address Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country
INCORPORATOR	LINDSAY J HOAGLAND	2305 30TH STREET SANTA MONICA, CA 90405 USA

#### ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 08/25/2021

(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

**Signed this 25 Day of August, 2021 at 2:56:26 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.*

**Enter signature(s) below.**

LINDSAY HOAGLAND

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**Nellie M. Gorbea**, *Secretary of State*

I, NELLIE M. GORBEA, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island,  
  
hereby certify that this document, duly executed in accordance with the provisions  
  
of Title 7 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended, has been filed in this  
  
office on this day:

August 25, 2021 02:56 PM

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nellie M. Gorbea". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Nellie M. Gorbea  
*Secretary of State*

