



**State of Rhode Island
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 Hope City Church, Inc.

ARTICLE II

The period of its duration is Perpetual

ARTICLE III

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

THIS IS A NON-PROFIT, NON-STOCK CORPORATION. THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THIS CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC, LITERARY AND EDUCATIONAL WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 OR THE CORRESPONDING PROVISION OF ANY FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAW.

THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE CORPORATION IS INITIALLY 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, 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.

IN FURTHERANCE, BUT NOT IN LIMITATION OF SUCH PURPOSES, AND SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN SUBPARAGRAPH BELOW, THE CORPORATION MAY:

SOLICIT AND RECEIVE GIFTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, BEQUESTS, DEVISES AND GRANTS OF PROPERTY, WHETHER REAL OR PERSONAL, WHETHER OUTRIGHT OR IN TRUST, FROM INDIVIDUALS, FOUNDATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, CORPORATIONS, LEGAL ENTITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND UNITS.

HOLD, INVEST, AND DISTRIBUTE THE CORPORATION'S ASSETS FOR THE BENEFIT AND USE OF (I) ANY ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY TO

WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170(C)(1) OF THE CODE, (II) ANY ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY (A) WHICH IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE CODE AND (B) TO WHICH CONTRIBUTIONS ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170(B)(2) OF THE CODE OR (III) ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CONTRIBUTION (A) WILL CONSTITUTE A DIRECT CHARITABLE ACT OR (B) WILL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 170(C)(2)(B) OF THE CODE AND WILL BE MADE IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED UPON THE CORPORATION BY THE CODE AND THE TREASURY REGULATIONS THEREUNDER.

DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY IN THE PROPER MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION, INCLUDING, BUT NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION, THE HOLDING, PURCHASE, LEASE, SALE, EXCHANGE AND RECEIPT OF PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, IN THE MANNER AND SUBJECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND IN THE BYLAWS OF THE CORPORATION,

NO PART OF THE NET EARNING OF THE ORGANIZATION SHALL EVER INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF, OR BE DISTRIBUTABLE TO ITS MEMBERS, TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, OR OTHER PRIVATE PERSONS, EXCEPT THAT THE ORGANIZATION 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 THE PURPOSE CLAUSE HEREOF. NO SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION 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 PUBLICATION OR DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS) ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THESE ARTICLES, THIS CORPORATION WILL NOT CARRY ON ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON BY (I) 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 (II) A CORPORATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTION 170(C)(2) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 OR ANY OTHER CORRESPONDING PROVISION OF ANY FUTURE UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE LAW.

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:

MEMBERS. THIS CORPORATION SHALL HAVE MEMBERS. THE ELIGIBILITY, RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE ORGANIZATION'S BYLAWS.

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 V

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

No. and Street: 97 SOUTH ANGELL STREET
 City or Town: PROVIDENCE State: RI Zip: 02906

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is HOLLY SMITH

ARTICLE VI

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 4 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	RUSSELL FARMER	132 CLARENCE STREET CRANSTON, RI 02910 USA
DIRECTOR	JOSEPH VINCENT	43 WILLOW HILL ROAD ST. LOUIS, MO 63124 USA
DIRECTOR	JOHNATHAN ARAM NAZARIAN	1035 BARRY BAKER LANE WHITE HOUSE, TN 37188 USA
DIRECTOR	BRANDON TITTSWORTH	1013 W 11TH STREET SULPHUR, OK 73086 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	JOSHUA AARON SMITH	97 SOUTH ANGELL STREET PROVIDENCE, RI 02906 USA
INCORPORATOR	HOLLY DECHELLE SMITH	97 SOUTH ANGELL STREET PROVIDENCE, RI 02906 USA

ARTICLE VIII

Date when corporate existence is to begin 10/12/2021
 (not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Signed this 12 Day of October, 2021 at 9:27:22 AM 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.

JOSHUA SMITH

HOLLY SMITH

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