

- pensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation in furtherance of one or more of its purposes, and except that individuals may benefit from grants, and similar payments or distributions made for the purposes for which this corporation was organized, in furtherance of the purposes of the corporation).
- c) 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 or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or opposed to any candidate for public office, by publishing or distributing statements or otherwise.
  - d) 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.

#### **Article 5 - Nonprofit Corporation**

- 5.1) The Corporation shall not afford pecuniary gain or profit, incidentally or otherwise, to its members.
- 5.2) This Corporation is a nonprofit corporation governed by Chapter 317A of the Minnesota Statutes.

#### **Article 6 - Duration**

- 6.1) The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

#### **Article 7 - Registered Office**

- 7.1) The address of the registered office of the corporation is 1109 East Moore Lake Drive, Fridley, Minnesota 55432.

#### **Article 8 - Directors**

- 8.1) The management of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall be fixed by the By-Laws of the corporation, and may be altered by amending the By-Laws, but shall never be less than required by law.

- 8.2) The terms of office of the Directors, other than the members of the first Board of Directors, shall be fixed by the By-Laws of the corporation, and may be altered by amending the By-Laws.
- 8.3) Any action, other than an action requiring membership approval, may be taken by written action signed by the number of Directors that would be required to take the same action at a meeting of the Board at which all Directors were present; provided that all Directors must be notified of the text of the written action prior to the signing by any of the Directors.

#### **Article 9 - Membership**

- 9.1) The conditions and terms of and the qualifications for membership in the corporation shall be provided in the By-Laws.

#### **Article 10 - Distribution on Liquidation or Dissolution**

- 10.1) In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, the remaining property and assets of the corporation shall be distributed in such manner as the Board of Trustees, as defined in the By-Laws shall by majority vote, determine, either exclusively for the purposes for which the corporation is formed or consistent with such purposes, to such organization or organizations organized and operated for those purposes as shall at such time qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in effect at the adoption of these Restated Articles of Incorporation, or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law. No voluntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation shall be effected except by duly authorized acts of the Board of Trustees.

#### **Article 11 - Amendment of Articles**

- 11.1) These Articles may be amended in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law subject to any provisions of the By-Laws respecting amendment of the Articles.

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# **Articles of Incorporation of International Ministerial Fellowship**

The undersigned, being of full age, for the purposes of forming a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 317A of the Minnesota Statutes, as amended, hereby adopt the following Restated Articles of Incorporation:

## **Article 1 - Name**

- 1.1) The name of the corporation shall be International Ministerial Fellowship.

## **Article 2 - Purposes**

- 2.1) The purposes of the corporation are to engage in, assist and contribute to the support of exclusively religious, charitable, or educational activities and projects.
- 2.2) In support of such purposes, the main activities of the corporation shall include:
  - a) To establish an association and fellowship of churches, ministers and Christian workers of common belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ for mutual support and communication;
  - b) To perform services which churches cannot easily provide for themselves;
  - c) To ordain, license and commission ministers of the Gospel to perform religious worship and administer sacerdotal functions;
  - d) To certify Christian workers and Lay Pastors to serve in domestic and foreign fields;
  - e) To spread and propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by establishing or aiding educational institutions or organizations which subscribe to, teach and attempt to convey the Gospel of Jesus Christ;
  - f) To transmit and propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by television and radio broadcasts, sale of books, records, pamphlets and other items;
  - g) To propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ by such other educational, religious or charitable activities as may be appropriate from time to time; and

- h) To do any and all other acts and things and to exercise any and all other rights and powers which may be necessary, incidental, desirable or expedient in the accomplishment of any of the foregoing purposes.

## **Article 3 - Statement of Faith**

- 3.1) This corporation shall at all times during its existence adhere strictly to a statement of faith as follows:

This Fellowship accepts the Bible, wholly and undivided, as the revealed will of God, the all-sufficient rule for faith and practice; and for all the purposes of maintaining spiritual unity adopts the following statement of fundamental truths:

  - a) We believe the Bible to be the divinely inspired, undivided, infallible, authoritative Word of God.
  - b) We believe that there is one God eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
  - c) We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and redemptive death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
  - d) We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is biblically essential.
  - e) We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling and empowerment the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life and through whom the Spiritual enablements are operational in the Church today.
  - f) We believe that God has provided to desiring believers an endowment of Spiritual power for the evangelization of the lost.
  - g) We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

- h) We believe in the Spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Article 4 - Authority**

- 4.1) The corporation shall further its purposes either directly or by making or providing donations, gifts, grants, contributions, loans, guarantees, or subsidies out of the net income or the principal assets of the corporation, or both (without limit as to the amount going to any one recipient or in the aggregate to all recipients), including donations, gifts, grants, contributions or loans to or for the use of benefit of other corporations, organizations, foundations, individuals, institutions or governmental bodies, but subject always to the provisions of Section 4.3 hereof.
- 4.2) In furtherance of such purposes, the corporation shall have authority, subject only to Section 4.3 hereof:
  - a) To pursue its purposes and conduct and carry on any and all lawful business or activities in connection therewith or incidental thereto, or any part thereof, in the State of Minnesota, or in any other state, territory or possession of the United States;
  - b) To do any and all acts and things and carry on and conduct all other activities consistent with the purposes set forth above as may be necessary or advisable, suitable, convenient, useful, or expedient in connection with, or incidental to the accomplishment of any such purposes, to the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of Minnesota.
- 4.3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation:
  - a) All activities of the corporation shall be carried on and all of its funds shall be used and applied exclusively for the purposes for which this corporation was organized.
  - b) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, officer, director or any other individual (except that reasonable com-