



The undersigned, acting as the present President of Christian Explorer Ministries, which hitherto has been an unincorporated association or society of members desiring the establishment of a biblically founded mission of service, charity, scriptural education, and inspiration, and acting with the consent of the officers and directors of that association, now wishing to incorporate the said unincorporated association, does hereby state,

Article One: The name of the corporation is Christian Explorer Ministries.

Article Two: The original registered agent is David M Brown, *Address to be determined*

Article Three: Management of the affairs of the corporation is to be vested in the members of the corporation.

Article Four: Membership in Christian Explorer Ministries is organized as provided here:

Section 1 – Active Membership (Voting)

- A. **Founding Membership:** Founding Membership is reserved for the individual(s) responsible for the ideas, concepts, and original organization of the corporation. Founding membership is available only to the individual(s) listed in the Directors positions for the initial founding of the corporation and acknowledged and awarded this status through unanimous vote by the founding members of the Board of Directors. There is no required fee to maintain Founding Membership status. Founding Membership status is perpetual. Founding Membership can not be revoked or diminished in capacity. Founding Members shall be notified of all annual and special meetings requiring a vote as provided by the Bylaws of the corporation. Founding Members shall be entitled to all benefits accorded to members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Advisory Panel. As provided by Article 1396-2.13 of the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act, Founding Members retain the ability to veto any action or move requiring a vote by the active members.
- B. **Executive Membership:** Executive Membership is any member serving in any position on the Board of Directors.
- C. **Executive Advisory Panel Membership:** Executive Advisory Panel Membership is any member who has been elected to sit on the Executive Advisory Panel as provided in the Bylaws, and all revocation or suspension of membership shall follow the procedure as prescribed in the Bylaws.

Section 2 – Associate Membership (Non-voting)

- A. Business Partner Membership: Any business organization, governmental institution, or other institution wishing to support Christian Explorer Ministries may become a Business Partner Member.

- B. Supporting Partner Membership: Any individual wishing to support Christian Explorer Ministries may become a Supporting Partner Member.

- C. Subscription Only Membership: Any individual or organization wishing to receive the Christian Explorer Ministries newsletter.

- D. Retired Membership: A retired member of Christian Explorer Ministries is any active member who retires from their full-time administration position.

- E. Honorary Membership: All active members who retire from their full-time administration position and those individuals or organizations elected by (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors are considered Honorary Members and are invited to attend all Christian Explorer Ministries events at no registration fee except for food and lodging.

Section 3 Membership shall be contingent upon the approval of the Board of Directors and payment of fees according to existing schedule, and all revocation or suspension of membership shall follow the procedure as prescribed in the Bylaws. Membership year begins on the individual dates of filing of membership.

Section 4 Each active member in good faith shall have one vote which may be cast in person or by ballot.

Section 5 Business partner, supporting partner, subscription only, retired and honorary members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the organization as determined by the Executive Committee, except the right to vote and hold elective office.

Section 6 Directors may be elected by as provided in the Bylaws.

Article Five: The period of duration is perpetual.

Article Six: The purposes for which this organization is formed are not-for-profit, spiritual, religious, and educational, in that:

Its objects are:

- (1) to promote and foster a feeling of fellowship between those who follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, and particularly between those who are hungry for learning and exploring their faith in active participation with the public;
- (2) to seek to create an interest in The Holy Bible, about its origin, history and spiritual significance in contemporary society, and about those who teach, study, minister and live their life by it;
- (3) to endeavor to foster a clear and practical witness to the works of The Holy Spirit by utilizing any format, such as: books, articles, print, broadcast, electronic, or multimedia instrument;
- (4) to perform acts of charity and service and to lend assistance and encouragement to those who are in need, whether materially, physically, or spiritually; and to promote ideals of mercy, charity, and fellowship through a direct and active ministry of The Holy Spirit;
- (5) to broaden the objectives of the organization by the encouragement of the interchange of information among all members and denominations of established Christian societies, organizations, and establishments through biblical study courses, interdenominational fellowship, active involvement and participation in applying principals of Christian living, and through workshops and conferences; and
- (6) to convey to the public an adequate and correct knowledge of the role of a dedicated Christian ministry in the community, state and nation, and to foster in the public mind a wholesome respect for the teachings and principals established in The Holy Bible.

Article Seven: The assets of this corporation, present and future, are to be devoted to not-for-profit, educational and spiritual encouragement and to the improvement of Christian ministries, and the said assets are to continue to be devoted to such purposes if and when this society should be dissolved.

Article Eight: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 Six 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 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. 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made, subscribed and acknowledged these Articles of Incorporation this *date to be determined*.

David M. Brown
(President)

To be determined
(Secretary)

State of Texas §
County of Dallas §

Personally appearing before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, D. Matthew Brown and *to be determined*, who are personally known to me to be the individuals who signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledge the same to be their act and deed.

Given under my hand and notary seal this *date to be determined*.

Notary Public