

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

_____ **CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

We, the undersigned natural persons over the age of eighteen (18), acting as the Board of Directors, adopt the following **Amended** Articles of Incorporation of _____ Church of the Nazarene (referred to as the “Corporation”) under the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act (referred to as the “Act”):

ARTICLE 1
NAME

The name of the Corporation is: _____ Church of the Nazarene.

ARTICLE 2
NONPROFIT CORPORATON

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation. Upon dissolution, all of the Corporation’s assets shall be distributed to the Dallas District Advisory Board -Church of the Nazarene, which is a nonprofit tax exempt organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (C) (3) organization (DBA- Dallas District Church of the Nazarene) and is also exempt under the Texas franchise tax.

ARTICLE 3
DURATION

The corporation shall continue in perpetuity.

ARTICLE 4
PURPOSE

The purpose for which the Corporation is organized is to share the love of God with the unchurched and lost people of the world in such a way that they have the best opportunity to become fully devoted followers of Christ. The purposes for which this corporation is formed shall include as follows:

1. To establish and maintain a local congregation of the Church of the Nazarene.
2. To preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, promote holiness and the worship of God among its members and attendants, and the practice of Christian virtues inculcated in the Holy Scriptures.
3. To employ and discharge ordained ministers of the Gospel, and others, to conduct and carry on divine services at the place of worship and elsewhere, and to collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of said corporation

and ecclesiastical body being the local congregation known as the _____ Church Of The Nazarene.

4. To provide appropriate religious education and training for its members and those attending its church school and other educational meetings and classes.
5. To acquire property whether real, or personal or mixed, by purchase, gift, legacy, bequest or in any other manner and to borrow money, issue bonds or notes, and all other documents necessary or appropriate in carrying out the objects and purposes set forth in these Articles.

All of the objects, purposes and powers of the corporation shall be subject to and in accordance with the government and discipline of the Church of the Nazarene as set forth in the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene.

ARTICLE 5 **POWERS**

Except as otherwise provided in these Articles and the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene, the Corporation shall have all of the powers provided in the Act. Moreover, the Corporation shall have all implied powers necessary and proper to carry out its express powers.

ARTICLE 6 **RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

The Corporation shall not pay dividends or other corporate income to its members, directors or officers or otherwise accrue distributable profits or permit the realization of private gain. The Corporation shall have no power to take any action prohibited by the Act. The Corporation shall not have the power to engage in any activities, except to an insubstantial degree, that are not in furtherance of the purpose set forth above.

The Corporation shall have no power to take any action that would be inconsistent with the requirements for a tax exemption under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (C) (3) and related regulations, rulings, and procedures. The Corporation shall have not power to take any action that would be inconsistent with the requirements for receiving tax deductible charitable contributions under Internal Revenue Code Section 170 (C) (3) and related regulations, rulings, and procedures. Regardless of any other provision in these Articles of Incorporation or state law, the Corporation shall have not power to:

1. Engage in activities or use its assets in manners that are not in furtherance of one or more of the exempt purposes, as set forth above and defined by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings, and procedures, except to an insubstantial degree.
2. Serve a private interest other than one that is clearly incidental to an overriding public interest.
3. Devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, except as provided by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings and procedures.

4. Participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. The prohibited activities include the publishing or distributing of statements and any other direct or indirect campaign activities.
5. Have objectives that characterize it as an “action organization” as defined by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings, and procedures.
6. Distribute its assets on dissolution as set for in the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene which is in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (C) (3) to be used to accomplish the general purposes for which the Corporation was organized.
7. Permit any part of the net earnings of the Corporation to inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or member of the Corporation or any private individual.
8. Carry on an unrelated trade or business except as a secondary purpose related to the Corporations primary, exempt, purpose.

The Corporation shall make distributions at such times and in such manner as to avoid the tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 4942. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941 (d). The Corporation shall not retain excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 (e). The Corporation shall not make any investments that would subject it to the tax described in Section 4944. The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (e).

ARTICLE 7
MEMBERSHIP AND BYLAWS

The Corporation shall have members in harmony with paragraphs 107-113.2 of the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene. The bylaws shall be the provisions of the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene.

ARTICLE 8
REGISTERED AGENT & OFFICE

The registered agent for the corporation shall be the Dallas District Advisory Board, Church Of The Nazarene, a non-profit corporation in the State of Texas. The street address of the Registered Agent is 543 W FM6, Nevada, TX.

The street address of the office of the Corporation is _____.

ARTICLE 9
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The qualifications, manner of selection, duties, terms and other matters relating to the Board of Directors (referred to as “Board Members”) shall be provided by the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene.

ARTICLE 10
LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF BOARD MEMBERS

A Director is not liable to the Corporation or members for monetary damages for an act or omission in the Board Member's (Director's) capacity as director except to the extent otherwise provided by a statute of the State of Texas.

ARTICLE 11
CONSTRUCTION

All references in these Articles of Incorporation to statutes, regulations, or other sources of legal authority shall refer to the authorities cited, or their successors, as they may be amended from time to time.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a vote of majority of the members present at any annual meeting or special meeting called for such purpose provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall be given to the membership in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws and in accordance with any requirements of the Church of the Nazarene as they are from time to time set forth in the official Manual of the Church Of The Nazarene.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have subscribed our respective names to these Amended Articles of Incorporation this _____ day of _____, 20____.

President & Senior Pastor

Board Secretary

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member