

North Dakota Nonprofit Corporation

Articles of Incorporation for Christians in Action Ministry

The undersigned, acting as the incorporators of a corporation organized under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 10-33, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

Article 1

The name of the corporation is Christians in Action Ministry.

Article 2

The registered agent is LeAnn Fuchs, 1009 12th Ave NE, Jamestown, ND 58401.

Article 3

The corporation shall be effective when these Articles of Incorporation are filed with the Secretary of State.

Article 4

This corporation is established to strengthen the ministries of member congregations in South Central North Dakota. Member congregations shall be congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and full communion partners of the ELCA.

Article 5

- a. This corporation is organized exclusively for, and will be operated exclusively for, charitable purposes.
- b. This corporation will not be operated for the benefit of private interests, and no part of the net income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of its directors, officers, or other private persons.
- c. This organization will not, as a substantial part of its activities, attempt to influence legislation or participate to any extent in a political campaign for or against any candidate for public office.
- d. This corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

e. In the event of the liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary or by operation of law, no private interests shall be entitled to any distribution or division of its remaining property or its proceeds, and the balance of all money and other property received by the corporation from any source, after the payment of all debts and obligations of the corporation, shall be transferred to a tax-exempt corporation under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purposes set forth in Article 4.

f. The management of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The number of Directors shall be fixed by the Bylaws and may be altered by amending the Bylaws but shall never be less than three. The terms of office of the Directors shall be fixed by the Bylaws and may be altered by amending the Bylaws. A majority of the Directors must be elected or ratified by the member ELCA congregations.

g. The corporation shall have members as determined in the Bylaws.

h. Any action may be taken by written action signed, or consented to, by authenticated electronic communication such as email 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.

i. The Bylaws may be amended in the manner set forth in the Bylaws.

j. These Articles may be amended upon approval of a proposed amendment by all of the ELCA members after ten days' notice has been given.

Article 6

The initial board of directors shall be:

[names and addresses] will be appointed by congregations in January 2024.

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