

RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
ETHIOPIAN ZION COPTIC CHURCH
JANUARY 1, 2007

ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation is:
ETHIOPIAN ZION COPTIC CHURCH

ARTICLE II

This Corporation is Established to teach and spread the Bible meaning of Human History in the Present Generation, the Moral Laws of Rastafari, The Fatherhood of Rastafari, the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Man and Woman, and to safeguard and transmit to posterity the purity and righteousness of the precepts and teachings as taught by the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church.

Essential to the Establishment of this Corporation is the teaching in I Corinthians, Chapter 12, verse 12, of the Holy Bible (King James Authorized Version) – “For as the Body is one, and all the Members of that one Body, being many, are one Body: so is Christ”, and the teaching in I Corinthians, Chapter 12, verse 27, of the Holy Bible (King James Authorized Version) – “Now ye are the Body of Christ, and Members in particular.”

Essential to the Free Exercise of this Corporation is the teaching that Cannabis (Marijuana, Ganja, or any other name by which this herb is known) is the Blood of Christ which gives Life to this Corporate Body. This was firmly established by State of Florida in 1979, when the Supreme Court of Florida wrote: “(1) the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church represents a religion within the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States; (2) the ‘use of cannabis is an essential portion of the religious practice’” and “the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church is not a new church or religion but the record reflects it is centuries old and has regularly used cannabis as its sacrament.” Town v. State ex rel. Reno, 377 So.2d 648 (Fla. 1979), at page 649. Walter M. Wells, spiritual leader of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church in Jamaica until his passing and transfiguration into this Corporation in 1984 expressed this in a letter written to the Miami Herald in 1978, “Herb is a Goudly creation from the beginning of the world. It is known as weed of wisdom, angels food, the tree of life and even the ‘Wicked old Ganja tree.’ Its purpose in creation is as a fiery sacrifice to be offered to our redeemer during oblations. The political worldwide organizations have framed mischief on it and call it drugs.”

The Establishment and Free Exercise of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church will be further described in accordance with these Articles of Incorporation from time to time in the Bylaws of this Corporation which will be known to this Corporation as its Constitution.

Within the framework and limitations of these purposes, the Church is organized and will be operated exclusively for religious purposes and will have such powers as are consistent with an organization operated exclusively for religious purposes, including the power to acquire and receive funds and property of every

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kind and nature, whether by purchase, conveyance, lease, gift, grant, bequest, legacy, devise, or otherwise, and to own, hold, expend, make gifts, grants, and contributions, and to convey, transfer, and dispose of any funds and property and the income from them for the furtherance of the purposes of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church, and to lease, mortgage, encumber, and use the same, and such other powers which are consistent with the Iowa Nonprofit Corporation Act, and by any future laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

ARTICLE III

This Corporation shall not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise, to its members, and no part of the net income or net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, private shareholder, or individual.

This Corporation shall not lend any of its assets to any officer, director, or member of this corporation or guarantee to any other person the payment of a loan made to an officer, director, or member of this corporation.

This Corporation is not organized as a U.S. Federal I.R.S. Section 501(c)(3) Corporation. The founder does not intend that persons obtain federal or state tax deductions in exchange for donations to this religious non-profit corporation.

This Corporation specifically and categorically rejects any attempt by any person acting under color of law to restrict, regulate, abrogate, prohibit or in any other way to circumscribe our Religious Freedom of Establishment, Exercise, Assembly, or Speech, as Guaranteed by the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights to the Constitution of the United States.

This Corporation demands the Right to be Secure in our Persons, Houses, Papers, and Effects as Guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment in the Bill of Rights to the Constitution of the United States.

This Corporation demands that Due Process of Law protect our Right to Life, Liberty, and Property as Guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment in the Bill of Rights to the Constitution of the United States.

ARTICLE IV

The period of duration of corporate existence of this Corporation will be perpetual.

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ARTICLE V

This Corporation is specifically empowered to establish, register and operate other non-profit corporations for the purposes of carrying out the religious establishment and exercise of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church.

This Corporation is specifically empowered to establish, register and operate other for profit corporations for the purposes of carrying out the religious establishment and exercise of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church.

This Corporation may grant charters to other groups, but charters must be awarded and revoked in accordance with the Constitution established by the Executive Council.

A subordinate corporation will dissolve whenever its charter is surrendered to, taken away by, or revoked by the Executive Council.

Upon dissolution of a subordinate corporation, the assets of that corporation will be distributed to the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church.

ARTICLE VI

The registered office of this Corporation shall be located at 130 E Aurora Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50313-3654.

ARTICLE VII

The management and direction of the business of the Church shall be vested in a board of directors which will be known and designated as the Executive Council of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church. The terms of office, method of election, powers, authorities, and duties of the members of the Executive Council, the time and place of their meetings, and such other regulations with respect to them as are not inconsistent with the express provisions of these Articles of Incorporation will be as specified from time to time in the Bylaws of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church which will be known to this Corporation as its Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII

The Executive Council will initially consist of one (1) person. The name and address of the initial member of the Executive Council is as follows: Carl Olsen, 130 E Aurora Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50313-3654, (515) 288-5798.

ARTICLE IX

Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church will have no Members with voting rights.

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ARTICLE X

For purposes of the laws of the State of Iowa, only the Constitution of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church will be treated as the Bylaws of this Corporation, and none of this Corporation's governing documents other than these Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church need be subject to the procedures specified by law or otherwise for the amendment of Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI

Members of this corporation will not be personally liable for the payment of any debts or obligations of this Corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor will any of the property of the Members be subject to the payments of the debts or obligations of this Corporation to any extent whatsoever.

ARTICLE XII

This Corporation will have no capital stock.

ARTICLE XIII

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended from time to time in the manner prescribed by law.

ARTICLE XIV

In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation any assets or surplus property remaining after the payment of its debts will be disposed of by transfer to one or more corporations, associations, institutions, trusts, community chests, or foundations organized and operated exclusively for one or more of the purposes of this Corporation in such proportions as the Executive Council of this Corporation will determine.

Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, nothing herein will be construed to affect the disposition of property and assets held by this Corporation upon trust or other condition, or subject to any executory or special limitation, and such property, upon dissolution of this Corporation, will be transferred in accordance with the trust, condition, or limitation imposed with respect to it.

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