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**NON-PROFIT**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF**

**Sichel Street Church of Christ, Inc.**

ARTICLE I - Name.

The name of this corporation is: **Sichel Street Church of Christ, Inc.**

ARTICLE II - Authority.

This corporation is a religious corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law exclusively for religious purposes.

ARTICLE III - Purposes.

Said purposes are further described as: to be and to maintain itself for as a "Church of Christ", of the same name, which includes without limitation, the activities, the professions, and the promulgation of the following teachings and practices:

A. TRINITY: Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Father are all Divine and constitute God, also sometimes referred to as the "God-Head".

B. JESUS CHRIST: Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who is the Heavenly Father and the Creator.

C. BIBLE: Every word of the Bible as originally written was inspired by God. The Bible alone is the only reliable guide to God's Will and to Christianity. Correct teaching "speaks where the Bible speaks and is silent where the Bible is silent". The faith and doctrine of the church was given once for all time and are not subject to alteration or change in any particular with time or circumstance. The teachings and practices of the Churches or Christ may be used by this corporation when not set forth in these articles and this corporation's bylaws.

D. CHURCH WORSHIP: The church congregation is to meet together on the first day of each week to worship God encourage one another and for fellowship. Said meetings will consist in part of: the Lord's Supper, fellowship, the preaching and teaching of God's Word, a capella singing, praying and the contribution of assets. Instrumental music, is not to be used as part of the congregation's worship.

E. CHURCH GOVERNMENT: Every congregation of the Church of Christ is autonomous and is to exist without outside or superior earthly organization, authority or affiliation. Its government is to be congregational in form, unless there are elders, in which case their decision is to be final and determinative on matters of the church congregation's work, and worship, interpretation and application of doctrine.

F. BAPTISM: Baptism is to be practiced and is always to be conducted upon the public confession that "Jesus Christ is the Son of God" by individuals capable of discerning the will of God. Baptism is to be performed only by immersion in water into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, for the remission of sins. All of a person's past sins are forgiven at the instant of proper baptism.

G. HOLY SPIRIT: Spiritual gifts of healing, prophesying, or speaking in "unknown tongues" which is also known as "glossalid" or "glossolalia", is not to be practiced or taught as inspired, nor as a present day gift of the Holy Spirit.

H. WOMEN: Women are not to have authority over men in the church congregation and in the church's assembly are not to preach, teach, lead prayer, lead singing, or speak at the Lord's Supper, or be a trustee, unless there are no Christian men willing to do so.

I. DISPUTES: Disputes between members of this corporation should be settled among the members of the church congregation instead of in the courts of law.

J. RELATIONSHIP AMONG CHRISTIANS: Each Christian is a disciple of only Jesus, who has ALL authority. Each disciple has his own function(s) and gift(s), is to work out his own salvation, and is a brother/sister of each other, and has NO authority to compel another disciple.

K. The real and personal assets of this corporation shall/must always be used consistently with the teachings of the Bible's New Testament, which this corporation has concluded mean that each and all employees and members of this corporation shall agree in writing that they are not now and promise to never engage in homosexual relationships or sexual intercourse before marriage or with any person who they are not in a marital relationship with and such conduct outside of a traditional marriage is not to be

approved, tolerated, or accepted or permit continuation of voting membership in this corporation. This corporation's assets shall not be used for ceremonies of birthdays or family reunion or any other non-church activity. Notwithstanding the above, such persons are still accepted into full membership upon repenting of all of the above condemned behaviors and ceasing from any of same on identical terms of admission to membership as any other member.

L. MINISTERS of this corporation and church shall be those person(s) hired as "minister(s)" during their hire. Only such ministers are authorized as agents of the Church to solemnize church marriages which means marriages recognized as marriages by this corporation and church, and which marriages shall never be between any other than between 2 humans one born as a male and the other born as a female each of whom is either unmarried due to never having been married or whose spouse is now deceased or who has been legally divorced.

ARTICLE IV - Statement Limiting Powers.

This Corporation:

- A. Shall not levy dues, assessments, or fees;

B. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be participating or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of any political campaign or any candidate for public office. Nor shall a substantial part of the activities of this corporation consist of carrying on political propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. No part of this corporation's property or net earnings shall be used or distributed, upon dissolution or otherwise, to any organization, individual, corporation or other person, a substantial part of whose activities shall then be the carrying on such political propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or participating in or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for a public office;

C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities which are 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 of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue Law); or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future

United States Internal Revenue Law.

D. This corporation is not organized, nor shall it be operated for, pecuniary gain or profit, and it does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits, or dividends to its members and is organized solely for non profit purposes. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable or religious purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any trustee, director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of all debts and liabilities of this corporation, shall be distributed to a Church of Christ, or a Christian College or University or orphanage selected by its members, which is then adhering to the purposes for which this corporation is formed as outlined above and which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and religious purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the 1986 United States Internal Revenue Code and its successors.

ARTICLE V - Trustees, Elders, Deacons and Members.

A. The persons who are to act in the capacity of Directors of this corporation are designated as "Trustees". No trustee need be an elder; If there are no trustees, any member may petition the Superior Court to appoint trustee(s) as the MUST always be a trustee if the number is less than the authorized number must appoint other trustees and call a members meeting to elect trustees. Each trustee shall continuously be a male, if there are enough willing males to constitute the authorized number of trustees. Each trustee must be at least 21 years of age.

B. "Elders":

1. There must be 2 or more elders or no elders and no deacons. Although no one may change religious doctrine, if there is a plurality of elders, then all affairs of the said church's: work; worship; activities; selecting a person to be hired or terminated as a minister(s); and application of religious doctrines, shall be decided by a majority vote of the said Elders and their decision, if any, shall be final and binding upon the Trustees and all members of this corporation.



2. If there are not two or more elders, then the trustees shall decide same issues, unless the members vote to decide same or unless the members vote to delegate the decision on some or all of the same issues to a committee.

3. The members may from time to time choose from among the members one or more Elders so that there will be a plurality of elders or no elders at all times. Each elder selected must desire the office and be: 1) above reproach and 2) the husband of one wife and 3) temperate and 4) prudent and 5) respectable and 6) hospitable and 7) able to teach and 8) not addicted to wine and 9) not pugnacious and 10) gentle and 11) uncontentious and 12) free from the love of money and 13) a good manager of his own household and 14) one who keeps his children under control with all dignity and 15) not a new convert and 16) one who has a good reputation with those outside the church and 17) a man having children who believe, and 18) not accused of dissipation and 19) not accused of rebellion, and 20) not self-willed, and 21) not quick-tempered and 22) not fond of sordid gain and 23) loving what is good and 24) sensible and 25) just and 26) devout and 27) self-controlled and 28) one holding fast the faithful word and 29)

able to both exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict the faith of the church.

D. "Deacons":

1. Deacons' responsibilities shall be determined by Elders.
2. The members may from time to time choose from among the members, one or more deacons each of who has like the following qualifications:

1- a man of dignity; and 2- not double-tongued; 3- not addicted to much wine; and 4- not fond of sordid gain; and 5- holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience; and 6- first tested; and 7- beyond reproach; and 8- husbands of only one wife; and 9- good managers of their children and their own households; and 10- persons whose wives are dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate and faithful in all things.

E. Elders and deacons shall continue as such until they resign, cease to be a member, or are removed by the members for failing to

meet one or more of the qualifications of same. If there is not a plurality of elders, there are no elders and no deacons.

F. This corporation shall have no capital stock and shall be composed of members rather than stockholders. There shall be no limit to the number of members. There shall be only one class of members and each member shall have one vote.

G. The qualifications for membership in this corporation shall be:

1. Baptism in the procedure outlined above; or
2. Receipt into membership after being elsewhere baptized as above provided,
3. Restoration to church membership after repentance and upon request; and
4. Members shall be received into membership of the church and the corporation by the Elders, if any, and if not then by the Trustees.

5. Membership shall not be recognized for those persons who are acting in sexual ways taught to be sin by the church or who are members of another religious "church".

H. Membership in the corporation regardless of church membership is terminated upon:

1. Death of the member; or
2. Actual or implied resignation of the member, which includes joining another congregation or church; or
3. Failure to attend any meeting of the congregation for a continuous period of 6 months, unless the Elders, or in their absence the Trustees determine such absence to have been beyond the reasonable control of the member and that the person wishes to remain a member; or
4. Membership in the corporation may be removed by a majority vote of the members voting in a properly called and held meeting, including the member whose membership termination is being voted upon after use of the following

procedures:

a. If expelled upon appeal to the membership by accusation of a member(s), then the accusation must be brought by at least 2 members if the accused is then an elder and in all cases, the accuser(s) must first have in meekness gone to the accused in private to accuse him of an act taught by the church to be sin, after which he or they must have gone a second time with at least one other to again accuse and only then have appealed to the membership.

1. Then by separating from the accused.;

2. Finally, by expulsion from all membership if there was not adequate change. But if adequate change occurs then there is to be forgiveness and comfort.

b. If otherwise expelled, then only after:

1. If expelled for dissension or hindering the

church's teaching, by first being so labeled by the elders, if any and by the evangelist, if there are no elders.

2. Then, by being warned if unruly; and

3. Then, by being admonished, sharply if to an elder, either by compassion or by fear;

4. Then, by the membership keeping aloof from the accused; and

5. Finally by expulsion from all membership if there has been inadequately change. But if adequate change occurs, then there is to be forgiveness and comfort.

c. In all matters, facts must be established by at least 2 witnesses; and the matter of withdrawal is not to be publicized outside of the membership save the simple fact of withdrawal without approval of the affected member.

ARTICLE VI - Amendment of Articles of Incorporation.

These Articles of Incorporation may only be amended, supplemented or modified by an affirmative vote of 67% of the votes cast in person or by proxy in a vote wherein at least 75% of all of the members of this corporation vote.

ARTICLE VII - Addresses and Agent for Service of Process.

A. The initial business, street and mailing address of the corporation shall be 2500 N. Sichel Street, Los Angeles, CA 90031.

B. The initial agent for service of process is Gabriel Estrada at 15825 Meadowside St., La Puente, CA 91744.

C. The name of the existing unincorporated association was Sichel Street Church of Christ and is being incorporated by the filing of the articles with the same address as listed above.

Gabriel Estrada / Gabriel Estrada, Chairman of the Unincorporated Sichel St. Church of Christ

Martin Luna / Martin Luna, Secretary of the Unincorporated Sichel St. Church of Christ.

I hereby declare and acknowledge that I am one of the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation which execution is my act and deed.

Gabriel Estrada  
Gabriel Estrada

Martin Luna  
Martin Luna



**OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE**

I am the President of the **Sichel Street Church of Christ**, an existing unincorporated association. The incorporation of the association by means of the articles to which this statement is attached has been approved by the association in accordance with its rules and procedures. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true and correct of my own knowledge.

Executed this November 11, 2024 at Los Angeles, California.

Gabriel Estrada Gabriel Estrada, President

I am the Secretary of the **Sichel Street Church of Christ**, an existing unincorporated association. The incorporation of the association by means of the articles to which this statement is attached has been approved by the association in accordance with its rules and procedures. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the matters set forth in this certificate are true and correct of my own knowledge.

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Martin Luna Martin Luna, Secretary