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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
LASTING LEGACY GROUP**

**ARTICLE 1  
NAME**

The name of the corporation is Lasting Legacy Group (the "Corporation").

**ARTICLE 2  
NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

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

The Corporation is a nonprofit religious corporation under the law and shall have all the powers, duties, authorizations, and responsibilities as provided therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as an organization exempt from federal income tax and described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provision or provisions of any subsequent United States Internal Revenue law or laws (the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986").

**ARTICLE 3  
AUTONOMY**

As a nonprofit religious corporation, the Corporation voluntarily affiliates with Visalia First and shares common religious doctrines, principles, disciplines, and practices with Visalia First. However, the Church is autonomous and maintains the right to govern its own affairs, independent of any denominational control. Recognizing, however, the benefits of cooperation with other churches, ministries, and organizations, this Church may voluntarily affiliate with any churches, ministries, and organizations of like precious faith.

**ARTICLE 4  
DURATION**

The period of the Corporation's duration is perpetual, notwithstanding subsequent action by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 5  
PURPOSES**

The Corporation is formed for any lawful purpose or purposes not expressly prohibited under the Law. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation's purposes also include the limited participation of the Corporation in any other activities, including taxable activities, but only to the extent the activities would be permitted by a tax-exempt organization. More particularly, but without limitation, the purposes of this Corporation are:

(a) To promote the Christian religion by any appropriate form of expression, within any available medium, and in any location, through the Corporation's combined or separate formation, of a church, ministry, charity, school, or eleemosynary institution, without limitation.

(b) To support missionaries and mission stations at home and abroad.

(c) To support bible colleges and the local church.

(d) To collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of said Corporation and the accomplishment of its purpose within the State of California and elsewhere.

(e) To make distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended.

This Corporation is also organized to promote, encourage, and foster any other similar religious, charitable, and educational activities; to accept, hold, invest, reinvest and administer any gifts, legacies, bequests, devises, funds and property of any sort or nature, and to use, expend, or donate the income or principal thereof for, and to devote the same to, the foregoing purposes of the Corporation; and to do any and all lawful acts and things which may be necessary, useful, suitable, or proper for the furtherance of accomplishment of the purposes of this Corporation. Provided, however, no act may be performed which would violate Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended.

#### **ARTICLE 6 POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS**

Except as otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation and in order to carry out the above-stated purposes, the Corporation shall have all those powers set forth in the Law, as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended. Moreover, the Corporation shall have all implied powers necessary and proper to carry out its express powers. The powers of the Corporation to promote the purposes set out above are limited and restricted in the following manner:

(a) The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this Corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. The Corporation shall not pay dividends and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be

distributable to its organizers, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to make payments and distributions (including reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Corporation) in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in these Articles of Incorporation. 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 publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by: (i) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; or (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(b) In the event this Corporation is in any one (1) year a "private foundation" as defined by Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, it shall be required to distribute its income for such taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; and further shall be prohibited from: (i) any act of "self-dealing" as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (ii) retaining any "excess business holdings" as defined by Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (iii) making any investments in such manner as to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions any subsequent federal tax laws; or (iv) making a taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(c) The Corporation shall not accept any gift or grant if the gift or grant contains major conditions which would restrict or violate any of the Corporation's religious, charitable, or educational purposes or if the gift or grant would require serving a private as opposed to a public interest.

## **ARTICLE 7 DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Corporation shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute, all of the assets of the Corporation to any organization designated by the Board of Directors of the Corporation which is of like faith and order and is exempt from taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future tax law of the United States).

## **ARTICLE 8**

**MEMBERSHIP**

The Corporation shall have no corporate members.

**ARTICLE 9  
REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The registered agent for service of process is Michael Dwain Robertson located at 3737 South Akers, Visalia, California 93277.

**ARTICLE 10  
CORPORATE ADDRESS**

The current street address and current mailing address of the Corporation is 3737 South Akers, Visalia, California 93277.

**ARTICLE 11  
INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Plenary power to manage and govern the affairs of the Corporation is vested in the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The qualifications, manner of selection, duties, terms, and other matters relating to the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be provided in the Bylaws. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) persons. The Board of Directors shall not consist of more than seven (7) persons, and the number of directors may not be decreased to less than three (3) persons. The number of directors may be increased or decreased by filing an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation. Directors need not be residents of California.

<u>Name of Initial Director</u>	<u>Street Address</u>
Abrina Erin Salas France	2251 West Dali Way Hanford, CA 93230
Paul Houston Deathriage	636 North Aspen Ct. Visalia, CA 93291
Mitzi Dale Cota	2222 Diamante Dr. Tulare, CA 93274
Michael Dwain Robertson	3737 South Akers Visalia, CA 93277
Sharon Kaye Jansma	125 East Sunnyside Visalia, CA 93291

Craig Douglas Sweeney

4125 W. Noble Ave, #316  
Visalia, CA 93277

Kristen Michelle Stockton

3408 West Borderlinks Dr.  
Visalia, CA 93291

**ARTICLE 12  
LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF ELDERS**

The Corporation is authorized to indemnify the directors, officers, and agents of the corporation to the fullest extent permissible under California Law.

**ARTICLE 13  
CONSTRUCTION**

All references in these Articles of Incorporation to laws, 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.

**ARTICLE 14  
AMENDMENT**

These Articles may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board of Directors, as provided in the Bylaws.

The undersigned, being persons named above as the Initial Directors have executed these Articles of Incorporation on 8 23, 2024.

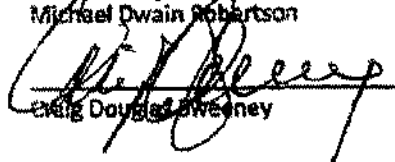
  
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Paul Houston Deathridge

  
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Michael Dwain Robertson

  
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Craig Douglas Sweeney

  
Kristen Michelle Stockton

We hereby declare that we are the people who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, which execution is our act and deed.

  
Abrina Erin Salas France


  
Mitzel Dale Cota

  
Sharon Kaye Jansma

  
Kristen Michelle Stockton

  
Paul Houston Deathridge

  
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