

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, FORT WORTH RESTORATION BRANCH,  
a Texas Nonprofit Corporation**

We, the undersigned natural persons of age 21 or more, and reside in the State of Texas, do associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a nonprofit religious corporation under the Texas Business Organizations Code (the “Act”), and adopt the following articles of incorporation:

**ARTICLE I.  
NAME**

The name of this religious corporation is “The Church of Jesus Christ, Fort Worth Restoration Branch” (the “Nonprofit”).

**ARTICLE II.  
STATUS**

The Nonprofit is a nonprofit religious corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Act, exclusively for religious purposes.

**ARTICLE III.  
AUTHORIZATION**

This Nonprofit shall proceed under the Act.

**ARTICLE IV.  
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial registered agent is an individual by the name of Bill Erter with an address of 7545 Anemone Lane, Azle, TX 76020. The consent of the registered agent is maintained by the entity. The membership may, from time to time, change the registered agent by amendment of the Bylaws of The Church of Jesus Christ, Fort Worth Restoration Branch (the “Bylaws”).

**ARTICLE V.  
PURPOSE**

The Church of Jesus Christ, Fort Worth Restoration Branch (the “Church”) believes we can live a holy and sanctified life through the power of God’s Holy Spirit. We believe in one God; God the Father, God the Son, Jesus Christ, God the Holy Spirit. We believe that man is born in sin and shaped in iniquity without the shed blood of Jesus Christ; repentance and believing in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior we cannot be saved. We proclaim the Original Restored Gospel of The Church of Jesus Christ as restored by Joseph Smith Jr. on April 6, 1830. Accordingly, it is the intent and purpose that the corporation will be organized and operated to establish and maintain a Church of Jesus Christ and to provide a place of public worship in Jesus Christ in Tarrant County and Texas; to establish, maintain, and conduct schools for the religious instruction of the young, and to further other religious and charitable work, and to that end may adopt and establish bylaws, and make all

rules and regulations deemed necessary and expedient for the management of its affairs, in accordance with law and not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation; and, to take, manage, hold, and dispose of the property, real and personal, of the Nonprofit. Our express purpose is to win souls to Jesus Christ. We will purpose in our hearts to worship our Lord on Sundays. Membership may add to the days of worship from time to time.

The purposes for which the Nonprofit is formed are to receive, hold, care for, invest in and operate real and personal property, and to use and distribute its income in charitable gifts, to be applied, consistently with existing laws, for the benefit of an indefinite number of persons either by bringing their minds or hearts under the influence of education, or religion, or by relieving their bodies from disease, suffering, or constraint, or by assisting them to establish themselves in life; or by erecting or maintaining public buildings or works; or by otherwise lessening the burdens of government. Such funds may be used and distributed for all such purposes, or for any one or more of such purposes within or outside the State of Texas. Further, it is the intent and purpose that the corporation will be organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding sections of any future United States internal revenue law) (the "Code") and within the classification of legal charities. The membership may amend the purposes of the Nonprofit from time to time.

## **ARTICLE VI. POWERS**

The Nonprofit shall have all of the powers of a nonprofit corporation organized under the Act, subject to the limitations set forth in these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. Such powers shall include the power:

- (1) To take over, administer, manage, and supervise all civil affairs of the Church, subject to the direction and authority of the membership;
- (2) To form, incorporate, terminate, or dissolve civil agencies or corporations to carry out any of its purposes, and to manage, supervise, control, direct, and maintain such civil agencies or corporations;
- (3) To exercise all the powers conferred by law upon nonprofit corporations, to the extent that such powers are not in conflict with the purposes of the Nonprofit nor with the policy of the Church of Jesus Christ;
- (5) To operate exclusively for such religious purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any future United States internal revenue law (the "Code");
- (6) Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, the Nonprofit shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise encumber any of its real property and it shall not acquire real property subject to an encumbrance or condition without the approval of the membership, and the Nonprofit shall not lease its real property used for purposes of worship, or lease for more than five (5) years any of its other real property, without the approval of the membership.

**ARTICLE VII.  
PLACE OF WORSHIP**

The post office address of the Nonprofit is 4123 Celtic Drive, Arlington, Texas 76017 and the principal office and place of worship is 2501 Pollard, Fort Worth, Texas 76112. The membership, by vote of at least two-thirds of members present at a duly called meeting, may change the address of the Nonprofit, principal office, or the place of worship from time to time.

**ARTICLE VIII.  
DURATION**

The period of duration of this Nonprofit shall be perpetual. These Articles of Incorporation becomes effective upon acceptance of the certificate of formation by the Office of the Secretary of State of Texas.

**ARTICLE IX.  
PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

A. The Nonprofit will not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

B. No part of the net earnings of the Nonprofit shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, board members, officers, or other private individual, except that the Nonprofit shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, to reimburse board members for travel expenses or expenditures in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article V., and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section Article V. The property of the Nonprofit is irrevocably dedicated to further its purpose and no part of the net income or assets of the Nonprofit shall ever inure to the benefit of any member, board member, officer, employee, volunteer, agent, or to the benefit of any private individual.

C. The Nonprofit is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the Nonprofit is irrevocably dedicated to its religious, educational and charitable purposes. The Nonprofit is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make other payments and distributions in furtherance with the purposes set forth in Article V. and as consistent with this Certificate of Formation and the Bylaws of the Nonprofit.

D. The Nonprofit, the board of directors (the "Board"), its officers, and its members, in their official capacities, shall not, directly or indirectly, participate or intervene (in any way, including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office, or devote more than any part of the Nonprofit's activities to attempt to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise.

**ARTICLE X.  
NONSTOCK CORPORATION**

This Nonprofit shall be nonstock, and no dividends or pecuniary profits shall be declared or paid to the members of the corporation.

**ARTICLE XI.  
DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the Nonprofit shall be managed and governed by the membership, subject to these Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and the Act. The qualifications, manner of selection, duties, terms, and other matters relating to the Board of Directors shall be provided in the Bylaws. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of three persons. The number of directors may be increased or decreased by adoption or amendment of the Bylaws, however, that number shall never be less than three (3). In electing directors, members shall not be permitted to cumulate their votes. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of the following persons at the following addresses:

<u>Name of director</u>	<u>Address of director</u>
David Norcross	4123 Celtic Drive, Arlington, Texas 76017
Steve Roller	1308 Pheasant Run, Crowley, Texas 76036
Jessie Norcross	3100 Poplar Hill Tr., Mansfield, TX 76063

**ARTICLE XII.  
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The manner in which the directors are to be elected shall be in accordance with the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XIII.  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The officers of the Nonprofit shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and Counselors, and such other officers as may be elected by the Directors from time to time. Two (2) or more offices may be held by the same person, except that the same person may not be President and Secretary simultaneously. The officers shall be elected and committees may be established by the Board in accordance with the Bylaws. The following persons are to serve as officers until the first election thereof:

David Norcross	President
Steve Roller	Secretary / Counselor
Jessie Norcross	Treasurer / Counselor

**ARTICLE XIV.  
OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

- A. The principal duties of the president shall be to preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board and to have general supervision of the affairs of the Nonprofit.
- B. The principal duties of the counselors shall be to discharge the duties of the president in the event of the president's absence or disability, for any cause whatsoever.
- C. The principal duties of the secretary shall be to countersign all deeds, leases and conveyances executed by the Nonprofit, affix the seal of the Nonprofit to the same and to such other papers and documents as shall be required or directed by the Nonprofit to be sealed, and to keep a record of the proceedings of the Board, and to safely and systematically keep all books, papers, records and documents belonging to the Nonprofit, or in any way pertaining to the business of the Nonprofit, except the books and records incidental to the duties of the treasurer.
- D. The principal duties of the treasurer shall be to keep an account of all monies, credits and property of any and every nature of the Nonprofit that shall come into his or her hands, and to keep an accurate account of all monies received and disbursed and of proper vouchers for monies disbursed, and to render such accounts, statements and inventories of monies received and disbursed and of money and property on hand, and generally of all matters pertaining to the office of treasurer, as shall be required by the Board.
- E. The Board may provide for the appointment of such additional officers as the Board may deem to be in the best interest of the Nonprofit.
- F. Whenever the Board may so order, any two offices, save those of president and secretary, the duties of which do not conflict, may be held by one person.
- G. The officers shall have and perform such other duties as shall from time to time may be assigned or required by the Board, or as may be prescribed from time to time by the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XV.  
MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

The members of the Nonprofit shall be the active members of the Church. Qualification, admission, termination, standing, and all other terms and conditions of membership shall be the same as those for active membership in the Church, as they now or hereafter exist, and shall be in accordance with the Church of Jesus Christ. The Members shall not be personally liable for the debts of the Nonprofit.

**ARTICLE XVI.  
AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the board of directors and presented to the membership for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds of members present at a duly called meeting.

**ARTICLE XVII.**

**LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS**

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

**ARTICLE XVIII.  
INDEMNIFICATION**

The Nonprofit may indemnify a person who was, is or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in litigation or other proceedings because the person is or was a director or other person related to the Nonprofit as provided by the provisions in the Act governing indemnification. As provided in the Bylaws, the board of directors shall have the power to define the requirements and limitations for the Nonprofit to indemnify directors, officers, members, or others related to the Nonprofit.

**ARTICLE XIX.  
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.

**ARTICLE XX.  
DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the Nonprofit, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, to a state or local government, or a tax-exempt nonprofit for a public purpose that includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving Nonprofit.

**ARTICLE XXI.  
INCORPORATORS**

The names and residence addresses of the persons forming this Nonprofit are as follows:

<b><u>Name of Incorporator</u></b>	<b><u>Address of Incorporator</u></b>
David Norcross	4123 Celtic Drive, Arlington, Texas 76017
Steve Roller	1308 Pheasant Run, Crowley, Texas 76036
Jessie Norcross	3100 Poplar Hill Tr., Mansfield, TX 76063

The undersigned affirms that the person designated as registered agent has consented to the appointment. The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument and certifies under penalty of perjury that the undersigned is authorized to execute the filing instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands, on June \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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David Norcross

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Steve Roller

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Jessie Norcross

**Acknowledgments**

STATE OF TEXAS                               §  
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared David Norcross, Steve Roller, and Jessie Norcross, who, each of them being by me duly sworn on oath deposed and each said that he or she has read the above Articles of Incorporation and that every statement contained in the Articles of Incorporation is within his or her personal knowledge and is true and correct.

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David Norcross

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Steve Roller

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Jessie Norcross