

ETHIOPIAN ZION COPTIC CHURCH
RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
March 20, 2024

ARTICLE I

The name of this Corporation is:
ETHIOPIAN ZION COPTIC CHURCH

ARTICLE II

Christ is the Corporate Body of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church, as described in:

I Corinthians, chapter 12, verse 12 (Holy Bible, King James Version) –
“For as the Body is one, and all the Members of that one Body, being many, are one Body: so is Christ”.

I Corinthians, chapter 12, verse 27 (Holy Bible, King James Version) –
“Now ye are the Body of Christ, and Members in particular.”

ARTICLE III

Cannabis is the Blood of Christ (the corporate body described in Article II), as described in:

Psalms, chapter 18, verse 8 (Holy Bible, King James Version) –
“There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.”

Luke, chapter 1, verse 9 (Holy Bible, King James Version) –
“According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.”

I Corinthians, chapter 3, verse 16 (Holy Bible, King James Version) –
“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”

Revelation, chapter 8, verse 4 (Holy Bible, King James Version) –
“And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.”

ARTICLE IV

In 1979, the Supreme Court of Florida found: “(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

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has regularly used cannabis as its sacrament.” Town v. State ex rel. Reno, 377 So.2d 648 (Fla. 1979), at page 649.

ARTICLE V

The Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and has 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 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 VI

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.

ARTICLE VII

The period of duration of this corporation’s existence is perpetual.

ARTICLE VIII

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

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

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Iowans for Medical Marijuana is currently the sole subordinate corporation established by the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church.

ARTICLE IX

The initial registered agent of this Corporation is Carl Olsen, 130 E. Aurora Ave., Des Moines, Iowa 50313-3654.

ARTICLE X

The director of this Corporation shall initially consist of Carl Olsen. The name and address of the initial director is: Carl Olsen, 130 E Aurora Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50313-3654, (515) 343-9933.

ARTICLE XI

The Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church is a Christian Church as described in the Holy Bible (Authorized King James Version).

The Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church is a Rastafarian Church.

The Sacrament of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church is Cannabis.

Members of the Ethiopian Zion Coptic Church are the Body of Christ. Cannabis is the Blood of Christ.

God lives in Us. The correct pronunciation Jesus is Jes-Us (Just Us).

Colossians, chapter 4, verse 11 (Holy Bible, King James Version) –
“And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellow workers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.”

Deuteronomy, chapter 5, verse 4 (Holy Bible, King James Version) –
“The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,”

ARTICLE XII

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 XIII

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This Corporation will have no capital stock.

ARTICLE XIV

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

ARTICLE XV

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.

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.

ARTICLE XVI

Currently the sole mission of this church is to obtain state and federal authorization for the sacramental use of cannabis. See 21 C.F.R. 1307.31 (2024), and Iowa Code Section 124.204(8) (2024), for concrete examples. Anyone claiming to represent the church must either have both state and federal authorization to use cannabis as a sacrament or be solely engaged in obtaining both state and federal authorization to use cannabis as a sacrament.

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