

CHURCH NAME HERE

CHURCH ESTABLISHMENT AFFIDAVIT

We the undersigned declarant(s), as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, an assembly of believers in God, the One Supreme Creator, of sound mind and competent to testify, above the age of majority, on this **twenty-first** day of **September** in the year two thousand **twenty**, desiring to form together as a Church under the Lordship and Sovereignty of God the One Supreme Creator, hereby organize according to the following statute declaration(s) and articles:

1. CHURCH NAME

The name of this Church shall be, **Church Name Here** (hereinafter referred to as “the Church”).

2. GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

Under the exclusive headship and sovereignty of God, the One Supreme Creator in Christ’s Consciousness, the Church, its members, attendees, Ministers(s), elder(s), deacon(s), etc. et. al. (hereinafter collectively “Ministers”), shall submit to be governed in accordance with the laws of God as they are translated and interpreted through the Bible and the Divine Spirit into man’s Deoxyribonucleic Acid and consciousness as the inherent maxims of truth written in such texts as the Bible, and other religious doctrines as well as the Church’s Constitution, Articles of Faith and governing documents which may from time to time be prescribed by the Church.

3. SCOPE OF POWERS

The Church, acting through its Ministers, and any they may appoint from time to time pursuant to the Church’s polity, shall be authorized to conduct the Church activities and functions deemed necessary to the proper operation of the Church. Such activities shall include, but not be limited to, opening financial accounts such as bank accounts (whether checking, savings, etc.), as well as brokerage or other investment accounts, the purchase, lease or rental of church meeting facilities, as well as necessary office facilities, the purchase, lease or rental of church office equipment, musical instruments, sacerdotal accouterments and any and all other forms of property, both real and personal, vehicles, equipment, supplies, goods, implements or tools deemed necessary to the proper operation of The Church, the purchase of insurance, remuneration or compensation of the Church’s Ministers, the distribution of tangible and intangible gifts or benevolent charities, food, clothing and shelter for the Church’s twenty four hour a day operation, the purchase of precious metals such as gold, silver and other metals, travel expenses and accommodations and all appropriate financial transactions of the Church acting through its governing body for the initiation, promotion, expansion and continuation of this.

Current appointed and authorized Banking Checking or Savings Account Signatories are as follows:

Authorized Banking Signatory #1: **First middle last**

4. TAX EXEMPT STATUS

Pursuant to 26 USC § 508:

- (a) New organizations must notify the Secretary that they are applying for recognition of section 501(c)(3) status----***Except*** as provided in subsection (c), an organization organized after October 9, 1969, shall not be treated as an organization described in section 501(c)(3)

Specifically, section 26 USC § 508(c)(1)(a), which reads,

(c) Exceptions

(1) **Mandatory exceptions** ----Subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to-

(A) Churches, their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of churches

AND in reference to the Internal Revenue Code Publication 557 and IRC Publication section 501(c)(3), we, “The Church” formally declares that we are a **Tax Exempt Church** and as such, are **EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX and are ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS** as Defined by both IRC Publication 557 and 501(c)(3), which states the following:

IRC PUBLICATION 557: “Organizations Not Required To File Form 1023

Some organizations **are not required** to file Form 1023.

These include:

Churches, interchurch organizations of local units of a church, conventions or associations of churches, or integrated auxiliaries of a church, such as men’s or women’s organization, religious school, mission society, or youth group.

These organizations are exempt automatically if they meet the requirements of 501(c)(3).”

IRC Publication Section 501(c)(3) Definition of “Churches”:

Churches. Although a church, its integrated auxiliaries, or a convention or association of churches **is not required to file Form 1023 to be exempt from federal income tax or to receive tax deductible contributions**, the organization may find it advantages to obtain recognition of exemption.

We, “the Church” declare we **DO NOT** find it ‘advantageous’ to ‘obtain recognition of exemption’ from the Internal Revenue Service as we respectfully retain and declare our Divine right to remain a **Tax Exempt Church** as prescribed and described above and because the First Amendment of The Constitution of the United States of America clearly states, **“Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.”**

We DECLARE and AFFIRM that we, “the Church” are AUTOMATICALLY considered TAX EXEMPT from Federal Income Tax, Property Tax and that ALL Tithe and Offering contribution(s) shall be considered Tax Deductible pursuant to law.

5. DISTINCT LEGAL EXISTENCE

This affidavit serves to fulfill 38 USC 1746 regarding sworn declarations under penalty of perjury. We, the declarant(s) (enter 4 names in first middle last), as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, declare and recognize the distinct lawful existence of Church Name Here as a bona fide Church.

6. RECOGNIZED CREED AND FORM OF WORSHIP

We, the declarant(s) (enter 4 names in first middle last) , as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, affirm that Church Name Here has a recognized creed and form of worship through our faith (Describe your creed here)

7. DEFINITE AND DISTINCT ECCLESIASTICAL GOVERNMENT

We, the declarant(s) (enter 4 names in first middle last) , as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, declare and affirm that God, the One Supreme Creator, holds the absolute authority as Governor of the Universe and appointed Jesus as the chief priest of the Church under whose direction the Divine Spirit incarnate as man/women shall act as the foundation and successor authority of our ecclesiastical government.

8. FORMAL CODE OF DOCTRINE AND DISCIPLINE

We, the declarant(s) Sally Sue Doe, (enter 4 names in first middle last) , as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, declare, affirm and recognize the following distinct doctrines:

(List	your	Doctrine	and	Tenets	here)
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9. DISTINCT RELIGIOUS HISTORY

We, the declarant(s) (enter 4 names in first middle last) , as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, declare and affirm that the genesis of the distinct religious history of Church Name Here started with the creation of Man by the Supreme Creator of the Universe as affirmed in the many historical religious texts throughout time and by Jesus Christ that this Church Establishment Affidavit serves as a continued testament to the legitimacy of the of the Supreme Creator's historical legacy as taught by many masters throughout man's history and most specifically Jesus Christ and the apostles. (example, write your own)

10. MEMBERSHIP NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OTHER CHURCH OR DENOMINATION

We, the declarant(s) (enter 4 names in first middle last) , as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, declare and affirm that Church Name Here is not associated with any other Church or Denomination.

11. ORGANIZATION OF ORDAINED MINISTER(S) AND SELECTION OF ORDAINED MINISTER(S)

The following is a generic excerpt, write your own, this is just someone else's example. We, the declarant(s) (enter 4 names in first middle last) , as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, declare and affirm that first middle last is infused with the Jesus Christ consciousness as a Divine Spirit incarnate as man who lives daily following the teachings of Jesus and other Ascended Masters. As his actions, consequences and life history have provided the study for his competency in his faith, he has been ordained by the Universal Life Church as Senior Minister, Child of the Universe, qualified to administer as Minister for Church Name Here. First middle last shall act as Senior Associate Minister and First middle last as Associate Minister. A part of the responsibilities of the office of Minister at the Church Name Here will be to conduct religious ceremonies such as officiating marriage, issuing certificates on behalf of the Church, Ministering the teachings of all Ascended Masters, teaching, delivering messages of wisdom, exercising the gift of healing, imparting knowledge, exercising miracles, signs and wonders, expressing faith, channeling the Supreme Creator and other highly evolved beings, using the gift of interpretation for the edification of the body of believers, spreading and teaching peace, assisting in healing the wounds of the earth, assist the body of believers in their repentance of ignorance to the sins of the following: acts of adhesion, unconscionable acts of agreement, acts of involving invalid debt, acts of allegiance, acts of worshiping false gods, acts of estate abandonment and forfeiture, acts of voluntary servitude and all other acts out of pure ignorance that create a spiritual and temporal prison of the body and soul.

12. CHURCH LITERATURE OF ITS OWN

We, the declarant(s) (enter 4 names in first middle last) , as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, declare and affirm this Church Establishment Affidavit and its various statements of Church Name Here shall be publicly known and will serve as literature of its own.

13. ESTABLISHED PLACE(S) OF WORSHIP, REGULAR CONGREGATION(S) AND REGULAR RELIGIOUS SERVICES

We, the declarant(s) (enter 4 names in first middle last) , as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, declare and affirm as a regular fellowship of believers that Church Name Here holds regular services for the empowerment and spiritual equipping for the benefit to the Body of Divine Spirits incarnate as men and women. We affirm and declare that the specific meeting places for these times of worship may vary to locations such as a leased or owned building or house, public property, meeting halls, restaurants, coffee shops, hotel conference rooms, various conference centers, various other venues such as stadiums, theaters and complexes, radio communications, conference call, cell phone conversations, online communications, on private land, on public land, online webinar(s), social media platforms, forums and all forms of digital communications (such as but not limited to website domains) that allow for the gathering of the members of Unity of "the Church".

14. RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF THE YOUNG

We, the declarant(s) (enter 4 names in first middle last) , as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, declare and affirm the practice of instructing the young in the ways of the Christ Consciousness according to the Church doctrines and Constitutions and other guidelines as the Church may prescribe from time to time.

15. PREPARATION FOR MINISTER(S)

We, the declarant(s) (enter 4 names in first middle last) as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, declare and affirm that if a member of Church Name Here desires to become an ordained Minister, they shall have renounced all allegiance to a foreign Lord, repented all voluntary acts of servitude and met all other qualifications deemed necessary by the Church and the Church Constitution. Ordination shall be prescribed only by the discretion of authorized Church personnel such as First middle last as acting Senior Minister.

16. God, the Supreme Creator, has also decreed that no activity of the Church shall be dictated to nor governed by Local, State, or Federal authorities that shall supersede our religious freedom(s), Liberties and Right(s) in accordance with our affirmation(s) and declaration(s) as outlined in this Church Establishment Affidavit.

17. AUTHORIZATION

We, the declarant(s) (enter 4 names in first middle last) , as Divine Spirits incarnate as man/woman, declare and affirm under the laws of the One Supreme Creator, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief so help us God. [28 USC 1746(1)]

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2020

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First middle last, Witness

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first middle last, Senior Minister

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First middle last, Witness

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first middle last, Senior Associate Minister

I, first middle last, Senior Minister for Church Name Here , certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing marks of the Senior Minister, Senior Associate Minister, and two witnesses are original, true and correct to the best of my knowledge. [28 USC 1746(1)]

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2020

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First middle last, Senior Minister

State of Texas }
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County of Austin }

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this _____ day of _____, 2020 by First
middle last and proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who appeared before
me.

Notary Public (seal)