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AMENDED AND RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

The Vestry, acting as the Board of Directors of the following nonprofit corporation, hereby Amend and Restate the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation as follows:

1. NAME AND ADDRESS

1.1 Name, Address. The name of the Corporation is _____ . The principal office of the Corporation is located at _____ .

2. PURPOSES AND POWERS

2.1 Purposes. The Corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes, to provide and operate the programs, sacraments, services and outreach of _____ (the "Parish"), a parish affiliated with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America (the "TEC") and of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Colorado (the "Diocese").

2.2 Accession. The Corporation hereby expressly accedes to and accepts the authority of the Constitution and Canons for the Government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America ("TEC Canons") as they may be amended from time to time, as well as the Constitution and Canons for the Government of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Colorado (the "Diocesan Canons") as they may be amended from time to time.

2.3 Tax Exempt Status. This Corporation is intended to qualify as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code," as it may be amended from time to time), or to operate under the umbrella of the charitable organizational status of TEC and/or the Diocese. It is intended that contributions made to this Corporation shall be tax deductible under either or both of section 501(c)(3) or section 170(c) of the Code. The purposes and powers of this Corporation are specifically restricted (or expanded, as necessary), so that this Corporation may be so qualified and operated and contributions to this Corporation may be so deductible.

2.4 Tax Exempt Purposes. No part of the Corporation's net earnings or assets may inure to the benefit of any officer, director, member, or other private individual, except that reasonable compensation for services rendered, items purchased and expenses incurred may be paid. The

Corporation will not devote a substantial part of its assets to efforts to influence legislation, and shall not participate in a political campaign for or against any candidate for political office.

2.5 Corporate Powers. Except as limited herein, the Corporation shall have the power to solicit, receive and acquire by grant, gift, purchase, devise, bequest or otherwise, as may be lawful, money and real and personal property of any kind and to hold, own, hold in trust, accumulate, invest, sell, transfer, encumber or otherwise utilize such property or the income derived therefrom for the furtherance of the Corporation's purposes. In addition, the Corporation may acquire and take over, as a going concern or otherwise, any part of a business, assets or liabilities of any person, firm, association, private or public or municipal body politic as long as it is in furtherance of or incidental to any of the purposes for which it is organized.

2.6 Restrictions on Alienation and Encumbrance. The Corporation may not alienate or encumber its real property or incur any indebtedness secured by such real property except by leave of the written consents required by the Diocesan Canons. The Corporation hereby authorizes the Diocese to take such actions as may be necessary or proper to provide notice of this restriction on alienation and encumbrance in the title records of the real property of the Corporation, or in any other appropriate forum.

2.7 Adoption of Colorado Revised Non-Profit Corporation Act. The Corporation elects to adopt the provisions of the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, COLO. REV. STAT. § 7-121-101 et seq. (as now in force or as hereafter amended), in accordance with that act and the laws under which the Corporation was organized.

2.8 Additional Powers. The Corporation shall have the power to do everything necessary, proper, advisable, or convenient for the accomplishment of the purposes set forth herein, and to do all other things incidental thereto or connected therewith which are not prohibited by the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, by any other law, by these Articles of Incorporation, or by TEC or Diocesan Canons.

2.9 Territorial Scope. The Corporation shall have the power to carry out its purposes in any state, district, possession, dependency or other political subdivision of the United States of America or any foreign country, as allowed by law and TEC and Diocesan Canons.

3. REGISTERED AGENT

3.1 Agent Information. The registered agent of the Corporation is _____ . The office of the registered agent and location for service is located at _____ .

4. VOTING MEMBERS

4.1 Members. The Corporation shall have voting members, who shall be qualified to vote if they are adult communicants in good standing as set forth in TEC Canons and are registered communicants of the Parish.

5. DIRECTORS/VESTRY

5.1 Governance by Vestry. Except as otherwise provided by law, TEC Canons or the Diocesan Canons, governance of the business and affairs of this Corporation shall be vested in the board of directors, known as the Vestry.

5.2 Vestry members. The Vestry shall consist of the Rector of the Parish, the Senior and Junior Wardens of the Parish, and not fewer than three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) members of the Corporation, subject to such other qualifications and numbers as may be established in the bylaws of the Corporation.

5.3 Election, Term and Appointment. Vestry members shall be elected by the members of the Parish in such manner, and shall serve for such terms, as may be provided in the bylaws of the Corporation.

6. BYLAWS

6.1 Adoption of Bylaws. The bylaws of the Corporation which are in effect at the time of adoption of these Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation shall remain in effect until amended in accordance with the terms of such bylaws.

6.2 Diocesan Review. The bylaws of the Corporation shall be subject to periodic canonical review by a designated chancellor or vice-chancellor of the Diocese.

7. ENDOWMENT

7.1 Fund Established. The Corporation may establish a trust fund to be known as the _____ (parish name) Endowment Trust Fund (the "Fund"). All contributions requested by the donor to be delivered to this trust are to be placed in the Fund.

7.2 Trust Purposes. The Fund is to be used for the benefit of the Parish and Parish outreach programs, as determined by the Vestry. Should the Corporation be dissolved, the trust shall be held for the benefit of the New Mission Development Fund of the Diocese, or, if the New Mission Development Fund of the Diocese shall be dissolved or otherwise cease to exist, the trust shall be transferred to such purposes as are identified in the sole discretion of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. If the Corporation is dissolved and subsequently re-formed or a new entity is created to carry on the activities of the Parish, the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese may designate the new entity to be a continuation of the Parish, and so much of the trust which may readily be determined not to have been co-mingled with other funds shall be returned to the new Parish.

7.3 Spendthrift trust. The interests of all beneficiaries to the trust are to be held subject to a "spendthrift trust," and the interests of any beneficiary are not subject to sale, assignment, alienation, pledge, or any other encumbrance; and, to the maximum extent permitted by law, no part of the Fund assets, including income, are to be liable for the debts or obligations, including alimony, of any beneficiary or be subject to attachment, garnishment, execution, creditor's bill, or other legal or equitable process.

7.4 Administration. The trust is to be administered by a Parish endowment committee operating as a Colorado trust.

8. DISSOLUTION

8.1 Dissolution of Parish and Transfer of Property. In the event the Corporation shall cease to accede to TEC or Diocesan Canons, the Ecclesiastical Authority may dissolve the Parish in accordance with the Diocesan Canons. In the event of such a dissolution or any other dissolution provided for in these Articles, title to all real and personal property of the Corporation shall revert

automatically and immediately to the Bishop and Diocese of Colorado. The Corporation hereby authorizes the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary or proper to effect such transfer, reversion or vesting.

8.2 Effect of Dissolution of Parish on Corporation. Upon the dissolution of the Parish, the Corporation shall have no further permissible purposes, and shall be dissolved in accordance with the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act.

8.3 Limitation on Authority of Vestry to Dissolve Corporation. Notwithstanding any provision of the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, the Vestry shall not have the authority to dissolve the Corporation without the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, as evidenced by the signature of the Ecclesiastical Authority, the Chancellor, or a Vice-Chancellor on the Articles of Dissolution.

8.4 Dissolution procedures. The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese shall appoint one or more persons to oversee the process of dissolution of the Corporation. After provision for the payment of obligations is made in accordance with the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, any remaining assets shall be distributed to the Diocese.

9. LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

9.1 Personal Liability. All volunteers acting on behalf of the Corporation shall have immunity from liability to the full extent provided by the Colorado Volunteer Service Act, COLO. REV. STAT. § 13-21-115.5, related public policies, and other applicable law.

9.2 Indemnification. Vestry members, officers, employees and agents of this Corporation may be provided indemnification for actions taken in the scope of their service to the Corporation to the maximum extent allowed by law. Any mandate for indemnification, however, whether by statute or order of court, shall be expressly subject to the Corporation's reasonable capability of paying the requested amount while continuing the operations of the Parish.

9.3 Insurance. The Corporation may purchase insurance to provide funds for the provision of reasonable indemnification coverage.

10. DURATION

10.1 Perpetual. The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

11. AMENDMENTS

11.1 Reservation of Right to Amend. The Corporation reserves the right to amend, add, or repeal any provision contained in, or add any provision to, its Articles of Incorporation in accordance with the Colorado Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, except if such amendment, addition or repeal would impair the Corporation's tax exempt status, allow assets to be used for nonexempt purposes, or impair the Corporation's accession to TEC and Diocesan Canons. All rights and powers conferred upon any person or entity under these Articles of Incorporation are expressly granted subject to this reservation.

11.2 Amendment Procedures. Proper amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Vestry then in office, after thirty days'

notice to the parish in any publication customarily used to communicate with members of the Corporation.

11.3 Approval of Amendments. These Articles of Incorporation may not be filed or amended without the prior written consent upon canonical review of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, and of the chancellor or a vice-chancellor of the Diocese.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned officers of the Corporation and the representatives identified in section 11.3 above, have executed the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation effective this _____ day of _____, _____.

Name:

Officer Position: ☐ President
☐ Senior Warden

Approved as to form:

Name:

Officer Position: ☐ Rector
☐ Clerk/Secretary

The Right Rev. Kimberly D. Lucas
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(Chancellors' Preferred Form: 03/2023)