Articles of Incorporation of the Buenas Nuevas United Church of Christ

The undersigned, desiring to form a corporation, not for profit under Section 1702.01 et seq. Revised Code of Ohio, do hereby certify:

One: The name of this corporation shall be the Buenas Nuevas United Church of Christ (Iglesia Unida de Cristo Buenas Nuevas), Incorporated.

Two: The principal office of the Buenas Nuevas United Church of Christ will be located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

Three: This non-profit corporation is formed for the following purposes:

- (a) The primary purpose is to minister with the Latino community in the west side of Cleveland, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ, to proclaim the reign of God and justice for the Hispanic community, and to build a strong worshiping congregation for the spiritual, cultural, and social well-being of the persons and families who join this church.
 - (b) To implement the foregoing primary purpose, this corporation shall:
- (1) Conduct weekly worship services for ministry with the Hispanic community and conduct weddings and funerals as needed.
- (2) Organize and conduct educational opportunities including Bible studies, discussion groups, public lectures, musical lessons and practice sessions.
- (3) Organize and conduct fellowship opportunities including communal meals, youth group meetings, partyies, etc.
- (4) Organize and conduct spiritual opportunities including prayer meetings, music services, sacramental celebrations, etc.
- (5) Conduct any lawful activities primarily for the education of the public about our church's mission through the production, storage, distribution, broadcast and provision of information, materials, and services.
- (6) Preserve the rich Hispanic religious and cultural heritage by sponsoring cultural events presenting Hispanic and religious music, art, religion, history and literature.
 - (7) Provide pastoral counseling services.
 - (8) Cooperate with individuals, churches, and other institutions with similar goals.
 - (9) Provide funds, personnel and facilities to accomplish the goals of the Church.
- (10) Conduct other such activities as will serve the educational, charitable, and cultural welfare of Indigenous peoples which may be permitted under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and which are also permitted under the laws of Ohio.

Four: The following persons shall serve as initial trustees of the Buenas Nuevas United Church of Christ until the first meeting called for the purpose of the election of trustees or until their respective successors are duly elected or qualified.

Aris N. De Jesus 3542 Edison Road Cleveland Heights, OH 44121 Luis A. Mendoza 3485 West 98th Street Cleveland, OH 44109 3251 West 54th Street Cleveland, OH 44102 Mariela Gonzales Cathy Bermúdez 4353 Torwood Court Cleveland, OH 44109 1232 Jackson Avenue Lakewood, OH 44107

Five: This corporation shall have, exercise and possess all the rights, powers and privileges of a non-profit corporation organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 for charitable, religious, educational, scientific or literary purposes. The corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Six: The Buenas Nuevas United Church of Christ shall be affiliated with the United Church of Christ. However, all property and monetary assets, debts, liens, buildings and vehicles will be owned by the Buenas Nuevas United Church of Christ, Incorporated, and no assets or liabilities shall be accrued by the United Church of Christ or other affiliated entities thereof, except as outlined in paragraph eight, below.

Seven: No part of the funds, income or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, or officer of the organization, or shall be devoted to any purposes other than those specified in Article Three hereof except that the corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of such purposes.

Eight: No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be to carry on political persuasion or otherwise attempt to influence legislation or to participate in or to intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Nine: Upon the dissolution of the corporation the board of trustees shall, after paying all of the liabilities of the corporation, transfer any remaining assets to the Western Reserve Association of the United Church of Christ.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our name	s, this, day of
November, 1998.	-
By Maina Devies	_, Incorporator
Norma Dones	_
By Janery D. Rivera	_ Incorporator
Laverne I. Rivera	_
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Damaris Vélez	_
By Lin A. Ly	_ Incorporator
Luis A. Mendoza	
By Mariela Yonzale	_, Incorporator
MARIELA GONZALEZ	
By Carmen Rug	Incorporator
CALMEN Ruiz	
By Jams T-Waten	_, Incorporator
James T. Watson	

The undersigned, being at least a majority of the incorporators of	the Buenas Nuevas United
Church of Christ, hereby appoint <u>Da'maris Ve'le</u> be statutory agent upon whom any process, notice or demand req	vired or permitted by statute to
be served upon the corporation may be served. The complete add	ress of the agent is:
3251 West 54th Street	
Cleveland, OH 44102	
,	
Janes T. Water	, Incorporator
James T. Watson	
Light And In	, Incorporator
Luis A. Menborn	
Muenta Dones	, Incorporator
HUMA DONE?	<u> </u>
Mariela Jonzalz	, Incorporator
MARIELA GONZALEZ	
Hordie Ut	, Incorporator
Rosalia Ortiz	_
Janeine P. Rusea	, Incorporator
LAVERNE I. RIVERA	_
The undersigned, Damaris Vélez	named herein as the
statuatory agent for the Buenas Nuevas United Church of Christ, accepts the appointment of stautory agent for said corporation.	nerebly acknowledges and
Dámaris Vélz	, Statutory Agent
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Buenas Nuevas United Church of Christ 3388 West 41st Street, Cleveland, OH 44109

November 12, 1998

Ohio Secretary of State 30 East Broad Street 14th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43266-0418

Dear Secretary of State,

The Buenas Nuevas United Church of Christ is a new church dedicated to ministry and service in the Hispanic Community of Cleveland. The Buenas Nuevas United Church of Christ desires to form a corporation, not for profit, under Section 1702.01 et seq. Revised Code of Ohio. Enclosed you will find the Articles of Incorporation for the Buenas Nuevas United Church of Christ. I have enclosed the appointment of the statutory agent and obtained the signatures of seven (7) Incorporators. In addition, we have included two additional pages which set forth the Articles of Incorporation and a full explanation of the purposes of the Corporation. Also enclosed is a check for the \$25.00 incorporation fee.

As Statutory Agent, I have been assigned to correspond with you regarding the Articles of Incorporation. Please let me know if you need any further information. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Domaris Vilez

3251 West 54th Street

Cleveland, OH 44102

(216) 651-6975 home

(216) 736-3281 work

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The State of Ohio & Certificate

Secretary of State - Bob Taft

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It is hereby certified that the Secretary of State of Ohio has custody of the business records for BUENAS NUEVAS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST and that said business records show the filing and recording of:

<u>Document(s)</u> DOMESTIC ARTICLES/CHURCH <u>Document No(s):</u> 199832702464

United States of America State of Ohio Office of the Secretary of State



Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, This 16th day of November, A.D. 1998

Bob Taft
Bob Taft
Secretary of State