

# 唯恩堡華人基督教會組織法—總綱

2004 年初訂; 2011 年修訂; 2025 年修訂

第1款           名稱：唯恩堡華人基督教會

第2款           宗旨

第1條           唯恩堡華人基督教會為基督的身體，遵行主耶穌基督的教導和使命，以神所默示的聖經為根基，通過敬拜、事奉、團契、栽培和傳福音等事工，履行大使命，擴展神的國度，彰顯神的榮耀。

第2條           本會不以任何活動參與政治宣傳，或企圖影響法律。本會不籌辦，參與或干涉（包括出版或發表政見）任何公職候選人的競選活動，在不與其它條款衝突下，本會不應有任何在 1986 年國稅局法規聯邦稅法第 501(C)(3) 免稅機構條例及任何未來美國國家稅務法規定許可以外的活動。

第3條           本會當擁有及行使印地安那州法律在 1971 年非營利組織法(IC 1971,23-7-1, 1-1-et seq.) 及以後修正，增加的法律所給予的權利，特惠及權力。

第3款           信仰宣言

第1條           我們相信獨一的真神，永存上帝，聖父，聖子，聖靈，三位一體，同尊，同權，同榮。

第2條           我們相信新舊約全本聖經乃神所默示，原版聖經完全無誤，是信仰與生活至高無上的權威。

第3條           我們相信耶穌基督是由聖靈感孕，從童貞女馬利亞所生，是完全神，也是完全人。

第4條           我們相信人是照著神的形象而被造，因犯罪帶來肉體的死，也帶來靈性的死，就是與神隔絕，從此人生而有罪，並且那些已達可負道德責任之人，在思想、言語和行為上也都有罪。

- 第5條 我們相信主耶穌基督為我們的罪而死，根據聖經，祂代替世人的罪成為贖罪的犧牲，為要使一切信祂的人因祂流出的寶血而得以稱義。
- 第6條 我們相信主那帶著釘痕的身體從死裡復活，如今在天上作我們的大祭司與中保。
- 第7條 我們相信聖靈的神性與位格，祂使罪人知罪，並重生、內住、啟迪和引導信徒。
- 第8條 我們相信只要憑著信心，接受救主耶穌基督，聖靈便重生了我們，成為神的兒女。
- 第9條 我們相信有福的盼望，即我們的主和救主耶穌基督親自以肉眼可見的方式再臨回來掌權。
- 第10條 我們相信無論義與不義之人，身體都將復活，得救的人將擁有存到永遠的福祉，迷失的人卻只有永無止盡的刑罰。

第4款 性別和婚姻的聲明

我們相信上帝奇妙且永恆地創造性別，賦予每個人男性或女性的性別。這兩種截然不同、互補的性別共同反映了上帝的形象和本質。雖然我們認識到有些人在性別認同方面可能面臨的複雜性，但我們認為接納自己的基因和生理上的性別是尊重上帝設計的一部分。

我們相信，「婚姻」一詞只有一個意義，那就是上帝認可的婚姻，將一男一女結合成一個單一的、排他性的關係，正如聖經中所描述的那樣。我們相信上帝希望親密的性關係只發生在已婚的男人和女人之間。我們相信上帝命令男人和女人之間不得在婚姻之外進行親密的性行為。

第5款 會員

每一位重生得救並接受洗禮之基督徒皆可申請成為本教會會員。會員資格於細則中另訂之。會員大會宜定期召開。

第6款 教會權力

教會有下列之權力：

1. 在有關稅法之內執行一般正常財務事項。
2. 給付薪資予牧師（們）及僱請之員工。
3. 財務支持宣教士及宣教機構（另法規定之）。

但教會沒有下列之權力：

1. 從事商業行為，圖利個人。
2. 建立有關政治之信仰。

第7款 執事會、長老會、教牧團、及教會職員

第1條 執事會

唯恩堡華人基督教會執事會負責推動執行教會一般行政事務。執事提名，選舉，及去職在細則中詳列之。

第2條 長老會

長老會為教會之主要屬靈督導。長老會由會員提名並選出的牧師和長老組成。長老會應以教會成長方向及會員屬靈生命的成長為重，並監督教會一般行政事務使其不至偏離教會之宗旨。長老的提名，選舉，及去職在細則中詳列之。

第3條 教牧團

唯恩堡華人基督教會之教牧團，人數由長老會及執事會決定之。教牧團應以禱告傳道為重，裝備教會會員建立基督之身體。教牧之聘請，權責及去職在細則中詳列之。

第4條 非教牧的教會職員

本教會視工作需要，得聘請有薪職員推動執行教會所指定之工作。教會職員之資格、聘用、及解職在細則中詳列之。

第8款 董事會

唯恩堡華人基督教會法定事務的管理組織為董事會。董事會執行對外一切法定事務。董事會成員不得低於三位本教會非牧師會員。董事之產生在細則中詳列之。

第9款 財產

第1條 財產聲明

當教會購買教堂建築後，詳細地址應記錄在此項條款中。

第2條 限制

除了本會在第6款文中規定授權支付實際服務的報酬，教會的所得不得圖利及分發給會員，董事會員及其他個人。

第10款 解散

當教會解散時，董事會在付清欠款或預留應付額後，須將教會所有的財產按教會當初設立之宗旨做適當處置，或給予慈善、教育、宗教或科學的團體，

這些團體同時必需符合免稅條例或國稅法 1986 年 501( C )(3) 條（或未來聯邦稅法相當的條例），此決定權在於董事會。若有任何財產沒有如此處理，當由教會所在地的最高或巡迴法庭來處理，處理原則由法庭決定。

第11款      組織法細則  
其它法規規定於組織法細則中詳列之。

第12款      組織法總綱之修正

本法之修正需經出席合法召開之會員大會的四分之三會員通過方得實施。執行修正之程序於細則中詳列之。

修訂第 3 款“信仰宣言”的投票

1. 必須與憲法或細則的任何其他修改分開並單獨投票，並且
2. 必須獲得九成活動會員投票通過，無論在正式召開的會員會議上有多少成員出席。

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FORT WAYNE, INC.

*(Revised and adopted 2/9/25)*

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## ARTICLE I. NAME

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Chinese Christian Church of Fort Wayne, Inc.

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## ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

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### Section 1

Chinese Christian Church of Fort Wayne, Inc. (the "Church") is a part of the Body of Christ and follows the teachings of Lord Jesus as its mission. Based on the Holy Bible which was revealed by God, the Purpose of the Church is to fulfill the Great Commission by expanding God's Kingdom and manifesting God's glory in the areas of worship service, fellowship, discipleship, and evangelism (the "Purpose").

### Section 2

The Church shall not participate in political propaganda, and the Church shall not establish, participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Church shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

### Section 3

This Church shall have, possess and exercise any and all of the rights, privileges and powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of the State of Indiana upon corporations organized under the Indiana Not-For-Profit Corporation Act of 1971 (IC 1971, 23-7-1, 1-1-et seq.) and acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto or otherwise available to corporations so organized.

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## ARTICLE III. STATEMENT OF FAITH

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1. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and these three are the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and the New Testaments as verbally and plenary inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.
3. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
4. We believe that man was created in the image of God; that he sinned, and thereby incurred, not only physical death but also that spiritual death which is separation from God and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and, in the case of those who reach moral responsibility, become sinners in thought, word, and deed.
5. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins; according to the Scriptures, as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood.
6. We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into Heaven, and in His present life there for us, as High Priest and Advocate.
7. We believe in the deity and personality of the Holy Spirit, who convicts the sinner, regenerates, indwells, enlightens and guides the believer.
8. We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again by the Holy Spirit, and thereby become children of God.
9. We believe in the blessed hope, the personal and visible return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to reign.
10. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; the everlasting blessedness of the saved, and the everlasting punishment of the lost.

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#### **ARTICLE IV. STATEMENT ON GENDER AND MARRIAGE**

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We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person male and female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. While we recognize the complexities that some may face regarding their gender identity, we hold that embracing one's biological, genetic sex is part of honoring God's design.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman.

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## **ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP**

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Every born-again Christian is eligible to become a member of the Church. Qualifications for membership are listed in the Code of By-Laws of Chinese Christian Church of Fort Wayne (the “By-Laws”). Membership meetings are to be conducted on a regular basis.

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## **ARTICLE VI. CHURCH POWERS**

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The Church has the following powers:

- a. Conduct normal financial transactions under the tax code.
- b. Pay employees and pastor(s).
- c. Support missionaries and mission organizations financially.

Provided however, the Church has no power to perform the following:

- a. Commercial activities or activities for personal gain and interest.
- b. Establish political belief.

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## **ARTICLE VII. DEACON BOARD, ELDER BOARD, PASTORAL STAFF, AND NON-PASTORAL CHURCH STAFF**

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### **Section 1. Deacon Board**

The Deacon Board is in charge of executing the Church’s general administrative activities. The procedures for the nomination and election of the Deacons, and the removal of the Deacons from the office are detailed in the By-Laws.

### **Section 2. Elder Board**

The Elder Board shall be the principal spiritual overseer of the Church. Nominated & approved Pastors & Elder(s) elected by Church members constitute the Elder Board. The Elder Board shall focus on directing Church growth and the growth of the spiritual life of Church members. The Elder Board shall also monitor the general administrative activities of the Church so that the activities will not deviate from the Purpose of the Church. The procedures for the nomination and election of the Elders, and the removal of the Elders from the office are detailed in the By-Laws.

### **Section 3. Pastoral Staff**

The number of Pastoral Staff members shall be determined by the Elder and Deacon Board. The Pastoral Staff should focus on prayer, teaching, and equipping Church members to be a part of the Body of Christ. The calling of the Pastoral Staff, the duties and authorities of the Pastoral Staff, and the procedures for the removal of the Pastoral Staff from office are detailed in the By-Laws.

#### **Section 4. Non-Pastoral Church Staff**

Based on the needs of Church activities and functions, the Church shall hire paid Church Staff to execute such activities and functions. The qualifications and requirements for Church Staff and the procedures for the hiring and the dismissal of the Church Staff are detailed in the By-Laws.

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### **ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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The governing body of the Church for the transaction of legal business shall be known as the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is to consist of at least three (3) non-pastoral members. The procedures for the nomination and election of the Board of Trustees are detailed in the By-Laws. The Board of Trustees shall conduct all external legal affairs.

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### **ARTICLE IX. PROPERTY**

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#### **Section 1. Statement of Property**

When the Church purchases a church building, detailed property location shall be amended in this Section.

#### **Section 2. Limitations**

No part of any net earnings of the Church shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Church shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the powers set forth in Article VI.

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### **ARTICLE X. DISSOLUTION OF THE CHURCH**

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Upon dissolution of the Church, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the Church, dispose of all of the assets of the Church exclusively for the purposes of the Church in such manner, or to such organization(s), whose purpose is consistent with the Purpose of the Church, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit or Superior Court of the County in which the principal office of the Church is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s), as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.



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**ARTICLE XI. BY-LAWS**

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Additional rules and codes are listed in detail in the By-Laws of the Church.

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**ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

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Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of Chinese Christian Church of Fort Wayne, Inc. (the “Constitution”) become effective when three-fourths of the active voting members who are present at an officially called membership meeting have passed such amendments. The procedures for amending the Constitution are detailed in the By-Laws.

A vote to amend the Article III entitled “Statement of Faith”

- (1) must be voted on as a separate item from any other edits to the Constitution or Bylaw, and
- (2) must be approved by 90% of all active voting members, regardless of how many are present at an officially called membership meeting.