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ARTICLES OF AMENDEMNT
UNIVERSAL LIFE CHURCH, INC.

****Article I****

This nonprofit congregation shall be called:

Previous Name: Universal Life Church, Inc.
Previous Charter No. 62976

New Name:

Old Catholic Apostolic Church

This nonprofit congregation, formerly known as Universal Life Church, Inc., hereby officially changes its name to Old Apostolic Catholic Church

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****Article II: ****

- The effective date for the changes will be December 31st, 2024

12.31.24

The effective date for the incorporation of the congregation shall remain December 31, 2023

12.31.23

****Article III: ****

MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OTHER CHURCH OR DENOMINATION

We, the declarant(s) associated with
Old Catholic Apostolic Church

7 Tree Hamlets

UPTON, Dorset. BH16 5SA

England, United Kingdom

OCAC is a non-trading, for the advancement of religion,
not for profit corporation registered in England and Wales No. 07221223

****Article IV: ****

REGISTERED AGENT:

The registered agent will be:

GREGORIO C. BAZAN

6711 S. Lone Elder Rd

Aurora, OR 97002

****Article V: ****

****ADDRESS WHERE THE CHURCH WILL BE LOCATED****

CHURCH ADDRESS:

6711 S. Lone Elder Rd.

Aurora, OR 97002

****ADDRESS WHERE THE DIVISION MAY MAIL NOTICES****

C/O Gregorio C. Bazan

47100 West Mill Road

Bridal Veil, OR 97010

****Article VII:****

THE CONGREGATION HAS MEMBERSHIP

The Nonprofit Corporation will not have members with voting rights.

****Article VIII:****

PURPOSE AND MISSION

The purpose and mission of the organization are amended to reflect the following teachings of the Liberal Catholic Church:

The organization is dedicated to advancing the principles and teachings of the Liberal Catholic Church, which include:

- I. **Sacramental Worship:** Upholding a sacramental form of worship, with a focus on the Holy Eucharist and other essential sacraments of the Church.
- II. **Freedom of Thought:** Encouraging individual spiritual growth and freedom of thought in accordance with the values of inclusivity and openness.
- III. **Spiritual Enlightenment:** Providing teachings that promote spiritual enlightenment and self-awareness in accordance with the Christian tradition and the spiritual heritage of the Church.
- IV. **Christ-Centered Ministry:** Emphasizing the teachings of Christ, with an open embrace of all individuals seeking to grow in their relationship with God, particularly those who may be marginalized or excluded.
- V. **Inclusive Community:** Creating a welcoming, inclusive, and loving faith community, where individuals of all backgrounds, orientations, and beliefs are accepted, embraced, and supported.
- VI. **Educational Programs:** Providing educational and theological programs that reflect the Liberal Catholic Church's commitment to personal spiritual growth, interfaith dialogue, and global peace.

****ARTICLE XI****

GENERAL POWERS

SECTION I. All property held by the above-named Religious Corporation, shall be held in trust for the use, purpose, benefit, and behoove of the incorporation Faith Base Organization herein named.

SECTION II: The above-named Faith Based Corporation, shall, for the purpose of the organization the power to contract in the same manner and to the same extent as a natural men and women or human and may sue and be sued, and may defend in all courts and places. In all matters and proceedings whatever, the organization herein names shall have the authority to borrow money and to give promissory notes, therefore, and to secure the payment of the same by mortgage or other lien upon property, real and personal; to buy, sell, lease, mortgage and in every way deal in real and personal property in the same manner as a natural person may and to appoint legal counsel, licensed and/or unlicensed, to the extent that any legal counsel employed shall be utilized in a capacity to protect the right of the religious corporation and to address all court in any and all litigious matter weather National or International

SECTION III: The corporation shall have all the authority granted by the Oregon State Constitution Article I, Section 2 states "All men shall be secure in the Natural right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences." This section guarantees the freedom of worship, allowing individuals the right to practice their religion according to their beliefs and conscience without interference or imposition from the state. As well as the Oregon State Nonprofit Corporation Law, including, but not limited to, ORS Chapter 65.

The corporation shall also possess all the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and Federal Law, particularly by the First Amendment to the Constitution ratified on December 15, 1791. This amendment states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or 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." This clause ensures that the government cannot establish an official state religion (the Establishment Clause) and cannot interfere with an individual's practice of their religion (the Free Exercise Clause). This amendment ensures the separation of church and state, allowing individuals the freedom to practice their religion. Together, these components safeguard the freedom of religion in the United States, granting individuals the right to practice their chosen religion, assemble peacefully, and address the government without fear of persecution or censorship of their belief system due to government interference or establishment of an official religion.

Additionally, the corporation shall adhere to the United States Code of Federal Regulations Title 26 U.S. Code § 508(c) (1) (a)

26 U.S. Code § 508 - Special rules with respect to section 501(c) (3) organizations

(b) Presumption that organizations are private foundations
Except as provided in subsection (c), any organization (including an organization in existence on October 9, 1969) which is described in section 501(c) (3) and which does not notify the Secretary, at such time and in such manner as the Secretary may by regulations prescribe, that it is not a private foundation shall be presumed to be a private foundation.

(c) Exceptions

- (1) Mandatory exceptions Subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to-
- (A) churches, their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of churches

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act 42 United States Code Chapter 21B § 2000.

Prohibits any agency, department, or official of the United States or any State (the government) from substantially burdening a person's exercise of religion even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability, except that the government may burden a person's exercise of religion only if it demonstrates that application of the burden to the person: (1) furthers a compelling governmental interest; and (2) is the least restrictive means of furthering that compelling governmental interest. The Act emphasizes protecting religious freedom from government interference and ensuring that laws don't unnecessarily burden an individual's religious practices.

SECTION IV: The Board of Directors of the Founding Church, **Old Catholic Apostolic Church** shall have exclusive authority and the right to supersede, vacate, void, and amend any decision made by the Board of Directors of the church. Such decisions shall be considered final and binding.

****ARTICLE IX****

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Section I: The management of the corporation shall be vested in a board of no fewer than three (3) directors. The number, qualification, terms of office, manner of election, time and place of meeting, and power and duties of the directors shall be fixed by the Bylaws of this corporation.

Section II: The name and Postal Office Boxes address of the Board of Directors who will manage the affairs of the corporation until their overseer and successors are selected as provided in the Bylaws are:

President: Gregorio C. Bazan
Secretary: Jaliene R. Singer
Treasurer: Gregorio C. Bazan

****Article X****

BYLAWS

The authority to make, alter amend, or repeal the Bylaws of this corporation vested in the Board of Director (Pastoral Team), and may be exercised in a manner set forth in the Bylaw of the corporation. The Board of Directors of the Founding Church, **Old Catholic Apostolic Church**, shall have exclusive authority and right to supersede, vacate, void, and amend as final authority any decision by the Pastoral Team of **Old Catholic Apostolic Church**.

****Article XI****

DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

In the event of the voluntary dissolution of the **Old Catholic Apostolic Church** the residual assets shall be allocated as follows for the entity named Calvary Mennonite Church 060835-13, a religious nonprofit with members, registered under the jurisdiction of Oregon on November 3rd, 1958.

- a) All debts, obligations, and liabilities of the corporation will be paid and discharged, and adequate provision will be made thereof.
- b) If the net assets of the Congregation are not sufficient to pay standing debts, obligations, and liabilities, all the property and assets will be utilized to pay them in a just and equitable manner. No property or assets will remain available for distribution among its members, directors, and officers.

c) All assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of 26 U.S.C § 508(c)(1)(a) or a §501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

****Article XI****

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF DOUCMENTS

The Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation shall be kept at the principal place of business or register agent address. All other records of accounts and finances, Minutes of the proceedings of its Pastoral Team and any minutes which may be maintained by the committees of the Pastoral Team; records of the name and post office addresses of its Officers and Directors, and such other records as may be necessary or advisable are protected under The First Amendment, 26 U.S.C. § 6033(a)(3), and 42 U.S.C. Chapter 21B § 2000. All such records shall not be open for public inspection.

****Article XII****

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR INCORPORATORS APPROVAL FOR AMENDMENTS

Membership approval was not required. The amendment(s) was approved by a sufficient vote of the Board of Directors.

I declare as an authorized signer, under penalty of perjury that this document does not fraudulently conceal, obscure, alter, or otherwise misrepresent identity of any persons include officer directors, employee, members manager or agent. This filing has been examined by me and this is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete making false statement - Making false in this document is against law and may be penalized by fines imprisonment or both.

Gregorio C. Bazan

Rev. Gregorio C. Bazan

12.31.24

Old Catholic Apostolic Church,

in alignment with the teachings of the Liberal Catholic Church, is a Christian denomination that blends traditional Catholic practices, such as sacraments and rituals, with a progressive interpretation of doctrine. It emphasizes individual conscience and inclusivity, advocating for human rights and social justice, while maintaining a connection to the historical roots of the Catholic faith. This approach seeks to reconcile traditional beliefs with contemporary values, prioritizing personal interpretation and ethical action. Shall officially commence its operations on December 31, 2024.