

The scriptures teach us that we should love one another. When Christ was asked which was the greatest commandment, he answered by saying "we love God with whole being and love our neighbor as ourselves.

The scriptures also teach us that God so loved the world, not just a particular race, but the world, that he gave his only begotten son. When the stroke fell upon Christ upon Calvary, it fell upon him for all men.

We, therefore, reaffirm the principles taught in scriptures that all men are of infinite worth in the sight of God. Segregation and discrimination on a basis of race, in all its varied forms and manifestations (economic, political, religious, and social), is not Christian like and contrary to divine law.

For clarification, we remind all of our brethren and friends that Jesus Christ Apostolic Church Inc. A reaffirmation of our principles held and practiced by us. We were formed as an interracial organization embracing all spirit-filled people regardless of race, color, or national origin.

CONSTITUTION

Article I: Name

The name of this corporation and by which it shall be known at law is the Agape Ministries Inc.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of this corporation is to operate as a church and to carry out the work of the ministry of the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To establish and conduct a church, worship services, Sunday school, college, and training for its members. To purchase, own, or lease land or equipment. In general, to carry or to conduct any other lawful business necessary to perform the work of the ministry.

Article III: Non-Profit

This church shall be non-profit and tax exempt under the rules and regulations of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), State of Alabama, and other applicable laws.

Article IV: Membership

The membership is open to anyone who is willing to comply with the church doctrine of faith, rules, and regulations as outlined in its by-laws. All members voting must be at least 21 years of age.

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Article V: Governing Board

The governing board is responsible for all prudential, programmatic, budgets, offerings, tithes, building fund, legal matters, business matters, taxes, accounting matters, and other non-ecclesiastical matters of the church. The gathering board shall consist of the pastor, who will serve as chairman, members appointed in accordance with the church by laws. Each member of the governing board shall be of legal age and able to function freely in the best interest of the church to best of his/her ability. The governing board shall function as the responsible party of the church business affairs. The board shall set and establish the income, housing allowance, parsonage allowance, travel allowance, book allowance, council/convention allowance, insurance, retirement, and other tax breaks for its pastor, in accordance with the tax laws.

Article VI: Officers and Auxiliaries

The church officers and auxiliaries will be appointed in accordance with the needs as outlined in the church by-laws.

Article VII: Meetings

Business meetings of the church must be announced in the church during its regular meeting at least three days prior to the meeting. Meetings can be held at any time necessary to conduct the business of the church. The chairman of the governing board or his assistant shall call and preside over the meeting.

Article VIII: Amendments and Dissolution


In the event that the corporation is dissolved for any reason, any assets not encumbered shall be distributed to the Jesus Christ Apostolic Church Inc., or some other like-faith, tax exempt organization by the vote of two-thirds of its present and voting. Any changes, amendments and etc., to this constitution shall require the same vote.

Please add the following amendments to the Agape Ministries
Articles of Incorporation:

1. Said organization is organized for the charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to the organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under the section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to corresponding section of any future federal tax code, and the pursuant to the provisions of Section 10-3A-1, etseq., of the 1975 Code of Alabama, as last amended.
2. No part of the net earning of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
3. No substantial part of the established of the organization shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate in public office,
4. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under 170© (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
5. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for the public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principle office of the organization is than located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organizes and operated exclusively for such purposes.

In witness thereof, the above constitution is adopted as the amended constitution of the Agape Ministries, Incorporated of the Jesus Christ Apostolic Church Inc.


Marlon D. Browder, Pastor


Attested by Church Secretary
Tomeaka Edwards

State of Alabama

SHELBY

County

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

AGAPE MINISTRIES, INC.

The undersigned, as Judge of Probate of SHELBY County, State of Alabama, hereby certifies that duplicate originals of Articles of INCORPORATION of AGAPE MINISTRIES, INC., duly signed and verified pursuant to the provisions of Section NON-PROFIT of the Alabama Business Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY the undersigned, as such Judge of Probate, and by virtue of the authority vested in him by law, hereby issues this Certificate of INCORPORATION of AGAPE MINISTRIES, INC., and attaches hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of INCORPORATION.

GIVEN Under My Hand and Official Seal on this the 14 day of

OCTOBER, 1998



Patricia Geyer Schmiedel

Judge of Probate

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