Town of Simsbury	2 9 2023
Office of Community Planning and Development – Zoning Commission A pplicate	tion
DATE: 6/28/23 FEE: \$ 470.00 CK #: APP #: 23- PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7 Shingle Mill Road West Simsbury, CT	29
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 7 Shingle Mill Road West Simsbury CT	06092
NAME OF OWNER: Julie and Nevin Christensen	
MAILING ADDRESS: 7 Shingle Mill Rd. West Simsbury, CT 0809	2
EMAIL ADDRESS: 1150 & Flamigfarm.com TELEPHONE (860) 535	1-7723
NAME OF AGENT:	
MAILING ADDRESS:	
EMAIL ADDRESS: TELEPHONE #	
ZONING DISTRICT: SQ FT	
Does this site have wetlands? YES AND Have you applied for a wetlands permit? YES	□n0
REQUESTED ACTION (PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX):	
ZONE CHANGE: The applicant hereby requests that said premises be changed from zone to zone	;
<b>TEXT AMENDMENT:</b> Please attach proposed changes, including Sections and purposes.	
SPECIAL EXCEPTION: The applicant hereby requests a public hearing pursuant to Section	
SITE PLAN APPROVAL: The applicant hereby requests	
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SIGN PERMIT	
OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN):	

A check payable to the Town of Simsbury must accompany this <u>original signed and dated</u> application. <u>Five (5) complete</u> <u>sets of folded plans, one (1) completed application and correspondence including a project narrative</u> must be submitted. Please send PDF digitals to jhollis@simsbury-ct.gov.

179 Date Signature of Owner

Signature of Agent

Date

Telephone (860) 658-3245 Facsimile (860) 658-3206 www.simsbury-ct.gov 06-29-2023

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933 Hopmeadow Street Sinsbury, CT 06070<sup>0</sup> Flamig Farm is requesting a special exception application to allow Little Farmers Ministry to use our facility, located in Simsbury, CT, from September 5, 2023 through June 7, 2024. Flamig Farm would like the exemption to continue in the upcoming years as well, so Little Farmers Ministry can continue operating within this timeframe. Flamig Farm would like to introduce and host this program for a variety of reasons. First, the ministry will teach children about God, the creator and sustainer of our world. Being surrounded by the animals, the plants and the rest of God's creation provides an ideal opportunity to teach children these truths. The ministry will also teach children the importance of farming and educate them using a unique, hands-on approach. The children will learn where our food comes from, how to plant vegetables, how to care for animals, and the hard work that it takes to run a farm. The ministry will also bring an awareness of our farm to families across the state, who wouldn't have known about our farm without participating in this ministry.

Little Farmers Ministry is also a PMA which is a private members association. This PMA has charters and bylaws and articles of association; granting them the ability to function as a separate entity from the state and to follow the US Constitutional right to freedom of association. The PMA has 30 children and 7 staff members.

## 1. Orderly Development

The location, size, character, and type of the building will remain the same. We are requesting a special exception to change the inside of the building to become a safe meeting place for people to gather. This will not in any way hinder the use of any adjacent properties and will be in harmony with the orderly development of the town.

## 2. Property Values

The proposed site will not depreciate adjacent property values and the size and height of the proposed building. The outside of the building will remain the same.

## 3. Public Safety

In the proposed site plans, there is adequate access to it for the purpose of fire protection, police protection and other emergency equipment. If anything needs to be changed per the town's request, we are more than happy to accommodate that request.

## 4. Traffic Considerations

The proposed changes to the inside of the building will not in any way, create traffic congestion.

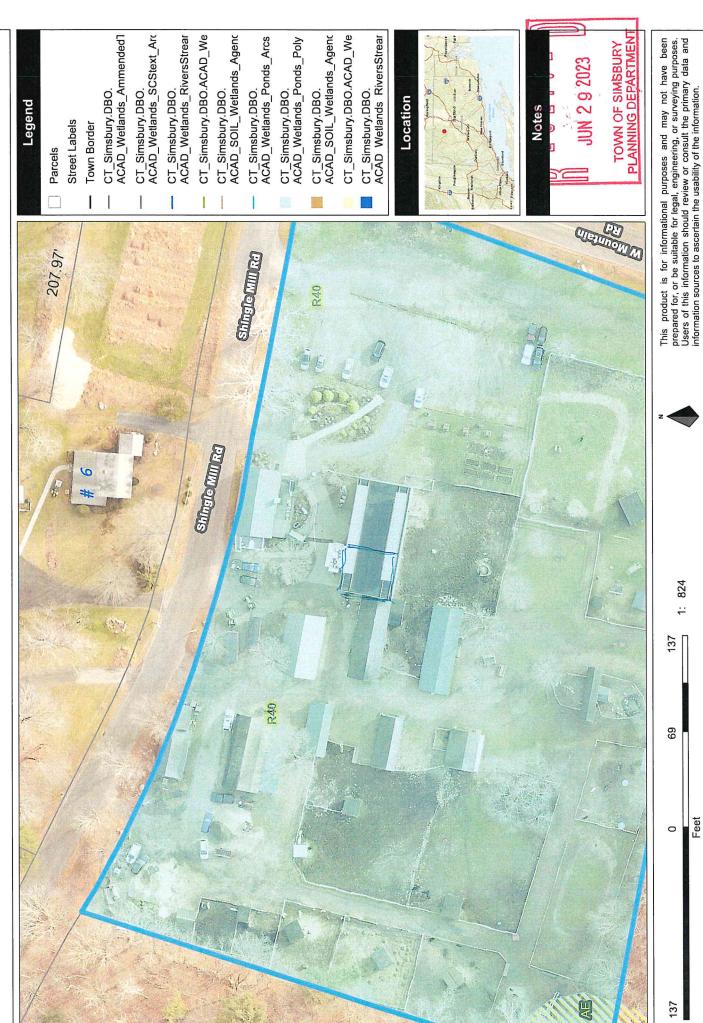
## 5. Landscaping and Buffers

The proposed site will be suitably landscaped. Additional landscaping is not needed.

## 6. Relationship to Utility Systems, Drainage Systems and Impact on Community Facilities

The proposed site has effective water, sewer, and drainage systems just outside the building. The proposed changes to the inside of the building will not in any way affect the appropriate drainage systems that are already in place.

Town of Simsbury, CT



# Little Farmers Ministry

**A Private Ministerial Association** 

## CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTION OF AN UNINCORPORATED PRIVATE MINISTERIAL/CHURCH ASSOCIATION AND SPIRITUAL MINISTRY

KNOW ALL MEN AND WOMEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the parties whose signature is affixed hereunder, designated as "Trustees," herewith notice the establishment of an UNINCORPORATED PRIVATE MINISTERIAL/CHURCH ASSOCIATION AND SPIRITUAL MINISTRY, hereinafter "Ministry," under the name of: LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY.

This Declaration of Certification, hereinafter "Declaration", is attached to, incorporated within, and made fully part of Charter/Bylaws of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, which contains specified terms and conditions that expressly state and provide that:

- 1. THE PURPOSE, in part, as defined with the Association Bylaws, is for furthering the upliftment, enlightenment, spiritual realization, and general welfare of people throughout the world, the betterment of life on planet Earth, and other spiritual, humanitarian, and beneficent purposes.
- 2. BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT, the Founding Trustees possess all rights necessary and sufficient for fulfilling the purpose of the Ministry and for conducting any lawful activities not specifically prohibited by Declaration and this Certification. The named Founding Trustees constitute the foundational Board of Trustees, hereinafter "Foundational Board," of this Ministry. In accordance with the agreement by and between the Trustees, as established in Declaration, the Director may act hereafter in the name of the Foundational Board and this Ministry, with or without the express, written agreement of the Co-Founding Trustees. The Foundational Board may thereafter appoint Advisors, hereinafter "Advisors," for a general Advisory Board, hereinafter "Advisory Board," for the sole purpose of advising the Director and trustees on all matters concerning the Association/Ministry and any reason believed beneficial for the Ministry.
- 3. DECLARATION provides and states that LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY is NOT A PUBLIC ENTITY, i.e., LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY is neither a public corporation, business, partnership, company, estate, joint stock company, trust, estate, public association, nor any form of for-profit entity of any kind. LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY is created as a separate, lawful, spiritual, and private organization operating as a Faith Based Ministry in accordance with Title 26 USC section 508c1a.
- 4. ANY Trustee, Advisor, or Minister may serve without bonds of any nature. As living, spiritually autonomous men/women of sound mind and principled character, the word of each Director is his/her bond.
- 5. ALL DOCUMENTS, CONTRACTS, conveyances, deeds, quit-claims, assignments, assignment of any portion of the title concerning any asset/property of this Ministry, and other lawful instruments, must be executed under the name: "Trustees of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY and Successors," by a duly appointed Director in good standing.
- 6. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PEOPLE, PERSONS, CORPORATIONS, ENTITIES, and all others engaging in dealings with this Ministry, such as extending credit, contracting

with LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, having claims against this Ministry, and the like, must regard only the funds, property, and other assets of this Ministry for payment and settlement of any claims, debts, judgments (decrees), awards, as well as any other obligation which may become payable thereunder. All actions, claims, and suits against this Private Ministerial Association MUST be adjudicated in accordance with the universal principles of contract law through affidavits sworn true, correct, and complete, and may be arbitrated only before duly appointed church tribunals if the parties cannot come into accord without the aid of third parties. Directors are not personally liable when dealing with any financial or monetary matters of this Ministry, nor is this Ministry liable for any property—nor for any business matters—of any Director when undertaken by said Director in personal capacity independent of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY.

The name of the Founding Trustee Kelly Schumacher

The name of the Co-Founding Trustee is Steve Woznicki, and a third Trustee to be named at a future date.

## Founding Trustee Signature:

Dated:

Co-Founding Trustee Signature:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_01/15/2023

**Co-Founding Trustee Signature:** 

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

## Little Farmers Ministry

## A Private Ministerial Association

## ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, A Private Ministerial Association Based on Faith in God

## **ARTICLE I**

Name

The name of this Private Ministerial Association shall be LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY.

## **ARTICLE II**

Object, Purpose and Mission Statement

## <u>Object</u>

LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, hereinafter "Association", shall operate as a Private Ministerial Association/Faith Based organization with all protections afforded by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the U.S. Constitution, The Constitutions of the several States, the Canadian Charter of Rights, and by law.

To allow the Private Ministerial Association founders, hereinafter referred to as "Trustees", being synonymous with the Directors identified within the LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY Charter/Bylaws, and all Private Ministerial Association members with a platform in which to conduct all manner of faith based private business, ministry, education, and services or assistance with the Association and with other Associations and Association members, keeping all business in the private domain and utilizing the protections guaranteed by the UDHR, the Constitutions, and the Charter of Rights, to conduct business in private, remaining outside of the jurisdiction of regulation imposed upon legal fictions by government entities and Public Law. The Association shall serve as the private domain association to provide support to the LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY Directors for the administration and daily operations of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY.

To provide a resource for members to seek, and access, all manner of education, natural health related services, information, advice, council, and support consistent with our religious and spiritual freedoms as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America, the constitutions of the individual states of the union, and the laws of the United States; To conduct all manner of ministry and any manner of business within the private domain as seen fit by the Association founders and Trustees.

## Purpose

The Ministry is organized in part for worship and for educational, spiritual, and beneficent purposes, and is established under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Bylaws and Ecclesiastical Law as interpreted by LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, for furthering the upliftment and enlightenment of all people throughout the world and the betterment of life on planet Earth. The

formation of the offices of Trustees and Director does not incorporate the spiritual society, LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, must always remain unincorporated.

## **Mission Statement**

To provide a nurturing, faith-based, and differentiated educational experience in a farm-based environment where we emphasize the core value that each child is fearfully and wonderfully made. "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." Psalm 139:14

At Little Farmers Ministry our faith is in Lord Jesus Christ who sent his Son to die for us so we can one day will be with Him in heaven for eternity. We believe that He has called us to be a light for Him and to share His message in this dark world. We will do this with our skills He has given us in a unique way with Little Farmers Ministry.

## **ARTICLE III**

Members

Section 1. Members

Primary. Primary members are adult members, and the minor children of adult members, who are accepted as members of the Association by an authorized representative of the Association.

Section 2. Eligibility

- A. Any adult, being of sound mind and not previously banned from membership or sanctioned by the Association, is eligible for membership in this Association and shall become a member upon approval of membership application.
- B. Children of members, not yet reaching the age of reason, shall be deemed as beneficial members of this Association with the consent of their member parent or guardian and the Association.

## **ARTICLE IV**

## Dues and Finances

Section 1. Dues

- 1. Membership shall be open to any natural man or woman who adheres to the purposes of this Association in Article I, at the discretion of the Association Trustees.
- 2. An annual membership or membership levels may be implemented or offered at the discretion of the Association.
- 3. Membership dues for Association members may be implemented at the discretion of the Trustees.

All financial transactions for the Private Ministerial Association shall remain the responsibility of the Private Ministerial Association Trustees. The Association Trustees, and their designee, designated in writing, as authorized by the Association Bylaws are representatives authorized to enter into contracts or agreements or make financial decisions on behalf of this Private Ministerial Association.

## **ARTICLE V**

Trustees

Section 1. Trustees

The initial founding Trustees of this Association shall be a Chairperson, being Kelly Schumacher, and Co-Trustees Steve Woznicki and a Co-Trustee to be named at a future date. The Trustees shall serve pursuant to the LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY Bylaws. All Trustees of

this Ministry/Association shall retain the authority to enter into contracts and agreements on behalf of the Ministry/Association.

The Association may have a voting member known as a Member At Large if deemed beneficial to the association by the director. Duties, responsibilities, and appointment terms of the Member At Large are to be determined by the association director as specified with the Association Bylaws.

#### Section 2. Term of Office

The aforesaid Trustees of this Private Ministerial Association, being the founders of the Association, shall assume their duties immediately upon establishment of this Private Ministerial Association and shall retain those offices consistent with the charter/bylaws of the established organization.

## Section 3. Vacancy in Office

A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the appointment of a Successor Trustee or Trustee At Large of this association in accordance with Article V Section 2 of these Articles and Association Bylaws.

#### Section 4. Duties

Duties and responsibilities of Trustees and Ministers of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY are defined within the Ministry/Association Charter/Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VI**

Meetings

### Section 1.

- A. No meeting of Association members shall be required.
- B. Meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held as needed to conduct business of the Ministry/Association but not less than annually.
- C. The Association Advisory Board, if implemented, shall meet at least annually at a time and place determined by the Association Trustees.
  - a. The Association Advisory Board meetings may be held via telephone or internet conference, at the discretion of the Association Trustees.

## **ARTICLE VII**

## Advisory Board

Section 1. Composition. The Association Advisory Board, if created by the Trustees, shall be composed in accordance with the Ministry Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

Committees, Tribunals, and Dependent Ministries/Associations Section 1. Committees may be created and/or appointed at the discretion of the Association Trustees in accordance with Ministry Bylaws.

Section 2. Ex-officio Membership. The Association Trustees shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

Section 3. A Tribunal shall be created by the Association Trustees, as needed, and granted the authority to hear and settle all dispute resolution within the Association. A Tribunal established within the Ministry/Association shall be the sole governing body within the Ministry/Association which has appellate authority over the decisions of any established dispute resolution

committee. The Association Tribunal, or an established dispute resolution committee shall retain all authority for dispute resolution within the Association.

A. The Association Tribunal shall operate in accordance with rules of procedure as determined by the Association Trustees.

Section 4. The Association may, at its discretion, create or authorize the creation of dependent Ministries/Associations within other physical locations worldwide and reserves the right to determine the terms under which dependent associations may be allowed to operate.

## **ARTICLE IX**

#### **By-Laws**

The Establishing Charter/Bylaws of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY Shall be adopted by the Association as governing bylaws and for the purpose of carrying out the Association's Declaration of Purpose.

### **ARTICLE X**

Dissolution

The Association will be perpetual. If the Association Trustees, upon advice of the Advisory Board should decide to dissolve the Association, dissolution shall be in accordance with the Charter/Bylaws of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY.

## ARTICLE XI

#### Parliamentary Authority

Ministry/Association parliamentary procedure shall be at the sole discretion of the Ministry/Association Trustees.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### Amendments

Section 1. The authority to alter or amend Articles of Association and Bylaws of the Ministry/Association shall remain solely with the Trustees of the Ministry/Association and any such amendments shall be made through a meeting of the Trustees and recorded within the minutes thereof.

## Article XIII

Voluntary Membership

Through the voluntary association with or voluntary submission of membership application, all members will become subject to the Bylaws of the Association and subject to the Ministry's interpretation of ecclesiastical law as interpreted by LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY. The following clause and terms will be made a part of all written membership applications/agreements within LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY:

I Voluntarily agree to join LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, a Private Ministerial Association under common law, governed by ecclesiastical law as interpreted by LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY whose members seek to help each other achieve a better quality of spiritual and physical health and good quality of life.

A. I am voluntarily changing my capacity from that of a public person to that of a private member.

My activities within The Association are a private contractual matter that I refuse to share with the Local, State, or Federal investigative or enforcement agencies. I fully agree not to pursue

any course of legal action against a fellow member of The Association, unless that member has exposed me to a clear and present danger of substantive evil, and upon the recommendation and approval of the Association.

B. I enter into this agreement of my own free will without any pressure or coercion. I affirm that I do not represent any Local, State or Federal agency whose purpose is to regulate or to carry out any mission of enforcement, entrapment, or investigation. I have read and understood this document, and my questions have been answered fully to my satisfaction. I understand that I can withdraw from this agreement and terminate my membership in this association at any time, and that my membership can and will be revoked if I engage in abusive, violent, menacing, destructive or harassing behavior towards any other member of The Association.

## Article XIV

**Trustee Signatures** 

As evidenced by the below affixed signatures, these Articles of Association are hereby adopted by the organizers of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY and are to be maintained in accordance with the established Charter/Bylaws.

Trustee (Chairperson)	Dated: 1/15/23
Co-Trustee the the	Dated: 01/15/2+23
Co-Trustee	Dated:

## Little Farmers Ministry

A Private Ministerial/Church Association

## DECLARATION OF CHARTER/BYLAWS OF LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY,

A Private Ministerial/Church Association

## For the formation of: LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY A Private Ministerial/Church Association

## AN UNINCORPORATED MINISTRY/CHURCH

EST: 12/30/2022

## CHARTER/BYLAWS AND DECLARATION FOR AN UNINCORPORATED SPIRITUAL MINISTRY EXECUTED UNDER THE LAWS OF FAITH IN GOD AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIVERSAL CONTRACT LAW

## Preamble

This Charter/Bylaws and Declaration of an Unincorporated Ministry, founded as a Private Ministerial Association, henceforth known as LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, is made this December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by Founding Trustees, Kelly Schumacher, Steve Woznicki, and a Trustee to be named at a future date, who shall be known as Trustees and Ministers of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY.

## Article I

Purpose

This Ministry/Association is created and organized to operate within the private domain as a Private Membership Association and a spiritual ministry reliant upon a faith in nature and nature's God. The purposes for which it is organized are set forth in the Articles of Association, and in part are as follows: To allow the Private Membership Association founder and all Private Membership Association members with a platform in which to conduct all manner of private business, ministry, spiritual business, education, and services or assistance with the Association and with other Associations and Association members, keeping all business in the private domain and utilizing the protections guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

(UDHR), the Constitutions, and the Charter of Rights, to conduct business in private, remaining outside of the jurisdiction of regulation imposed upon legal fictions by government entities and Public Law.

To provide a resource for members to seek, and access, all manner of education, information, services, advice, council, and support consistent with our religious and spiritual freedoms as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America, the constitutions of the individual states of the union, and the laws of the United States; to conduct all manner of ministry and any manner of business within the private domain as seen fit by the Association founders and Trustees.

The Spiritual Association/Ministry defined by this Declaration is organized for worship, educational, spiritual freedom, faith and reliance upon nature, and beneficent purposes, and is established under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Law of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, for furthering the uplifting and enlightenment of all people who voluntarily choose to associate with this ministry throughout the World and the betterment of life on planet Earth. LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY must always remain an unincorporated Ministry dedicated to this purpose.

#### Article II

Appointment and Powers of Trustees and Members of the Board of Advisors A. Upon completion and adoption of these bylaws the founding Ministry Co-Trustees shall serve thereafter as the Trustees of this Ministry, with authority over all affairs of the Ministry, both temporal and spiritual, provided for in these charters and the minutes of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY.

- 1. The Trustee designated as Chairperson or Director shall retain all rights to unlimited contract on behalf of the Ministry and shall retain full authority to designate or delegate powers and duties to Co-Trustees.
- B. The Director may establish and appoint other members, who shall be known as "Advisors," to an Advisory Board who may act in a manner to advise Trustees on any matter affecting the operation of the Ministry. The Ministry Advisory Board shall not have governing authority over the Ministry or the activities of the Ministry but shall serve in an advisory capacity.

Co-founding Trustees, serve as the stewards and possessors of title of the Ministries assets which shall be used for the purposes deemed beneficial to the Ministry at their sole discretion, with or without the advice of the Ministry Advisory Board.

- C. The Advisors must conserve and minister in accordance with the Tenets, Creed, and Principles of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY and the principles of Higher Truth in accordance with the best of the Advisors' abilities, exercising judgment and discretion in administering the Advisors' duties in good faith strictly in conformity with the purpose, provisions, spirit, and intent hereof.
- D. Upon a Board of Advisors being created by the Director, the Advisors may not be less than two in number and may be increased by the Director beyond two in number for any reason the Director believes is beneficial for the Ministry. The appointed Advisors, together with those Trustees, for the purpose of filling future vacancies and appointing Successor Trustees, shall hold office and collectively minister affairs of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, an unincorporated Spiritual Ministry; PROVIDED, however, that an Advisor may resign, both

with and without notice, and also may be removed from office by a Resolution of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Trustees whenever in the opinion of said majority such offending Advisor shall have been deemed guilty of such acts that are repugnant to the tenets and precepts of this Ministry, and PROVIDED, further, that in the event of any vacancy, increase in number, death of an Advisor, removal from the Board, resignation, and the like, the remaining Advisors may recommend appointment of a successor (and all newly appointed Advisors) by the unanimous concurrence of the Advisors.

- E. The signing of an acknowledgment of acceptance of the office of the Board of Advisors by the Director constitutes investiture as such.
- F. LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY is created under powers and authority of the Covenant with the Creator that each individual member of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY possesses.

LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY recognizes unalienable rights, as a gift from God, not limited to but recognized as:

- 1. Acquiring and possessing, by donation, gift, bequest, devise, and purchase, and holding and maintaining, property—real, personal, and mixed—holding title absolute by conveyance, with right for granting, selling, conveying, renting, and otherwise disposing of said property as may be necessary for furthering the objectives of the Ministry, for the use and behoof of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY forever, in unalloyed temporal and spiritual capacity.
- 2. Exercising the unlimited right to contract; borrowing and lending money; giving promissory notes as well as other written obligation therefore by note, and securing the payment thereof by a lien, such as mortgage, upon hereditaments, both corporeal and incorporeal, real, personal, and mixed.
- 3. Buying, selling, leasing, mortgaging, and in every way dealing in land and chattels in the same manner that a natural man may, and without the order of any court.
- 4. Receiving bequests and devises for exclusive use of the Ministry in the same manner as a living, sentient man.
- 5. Appointing, and being appointed as, an attorney in fact.
- 6. Retaining unlimited power of Contract.
- 7. Suing and being sued, pleading, and being pleaded, in tribunals of competent jurisdiction at the discretion of Ministry Trustees.
- 8. Having and using a common seal by which all deeds and acts of the Ministry may be authenticated.
- 9. Exercising any other just, lawful, and ethical rights and powers bestowed upon man by the creator and as may be declared by authority of the Ministry, as established at any time in accordance with the Articles of Association and Charter/Bylaws of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY.

- 10. Recognizing and standing upon all rights and liberties as a part of the Bill of Rights guaranteed within the U.S. Constitution and the Constitutions of the several states united as gifts from God which are forever inviolate and outside of the powers of general government to alter, amend, or interpret.
- G. The Trustees may provide for regular ministry meetings or activities at stated intervals without notice. Special meetings may be called at any time by any two or more Advisors upon three (3) days prior written notice mailed or delivered to the Trustees and Advisors. At all meetings, a director or majority of the Board of Advisors is regarded as constituting a quorum for the conduct of business.
- H. The powers of the Trustees, any and all Ministry Committees and Tribunals, acting on behalf of the LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY Ministry are absolute, exclusive, and unlimited in all matters in which the Ministry has authority to act, in accordance with the laws of nature and of nature's God and in concert with the ecclesiastical law as interpreted by the Ministry, and are broadly construed as general powers of both natural and artificial inhabitants of planet Earth, under the Laws of God, which permit acting in any manner that it does not cause others harm and does not impair, impede, or infringe upon the unalienable rights granted to another living man. All said powers may be delegated at the sole discretion of the Trustees.
- I. Resolutions of the Board of Trustees, or a director, authorizing the undertaking of a project constitutes evidence that such project is within the Board's power.
- J. No one providing the Ministry donations, loans, and payments shall require disclosure and accounting of the application made by the Trustees or Director of whatever funds are received by the Ministry. All funds received by the Ministry shall be managed and used at the discretion of the Trustees, or their designee, with or without approval of the Advisors, as provided by this Declaration and recorded in the minutes of meeting of the Board of Trustees of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY.
- K. All Advisors shall serve without posting any security, such as fidelity bonds.
- L. The Advisors shall regard this instrument, sacred writings and works of wisdom from diverse sources, Prayer, and the Holy Spirit as their guide, which may be supplemented upon occasion by the By-laws, Regulations, and resolutions of the Board for the purpose of covering contingencies that may arise and which shall be recorded in the Minutes of this Ministry.
- M. The Trustees may fix and pay reasonable compensation for any minister, contracted worker, agent, and the like, at the discretion of the Trustees, and the Board of Trustees may pay Trustees reasonable compensation for services performed or, at the discretion of any individual Trustees, may choose to opt for the Trustees, as ministers of the Ministry to accept an ecclesiastical "vow of poverty" in which case the Ministry shall become responsible for providing for all needs of that Trustee, as a minister of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, including but not limited to all physical and worldly needs and goods, housing, food, transportation, expenses, and recreation for the comfort and lifestyle maintenance of the Trustee/Minister.
- N. The Ministry, through the Trustees, with reliance upon the authority of the Creator and ecclesiastical law as interpreted by the ministry Trustees, shall retain all authority to appoint or ordain ministers for and of this Ministry and shall have sole authority to determine

necessary qualifications or traits required of ministers and shall retain sole authority in determining levels of education and education/training requirements for any minister.

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- O. The Trustees and ministers shall, in their sole capacity as Trustees and ministers have and assume only such liability as is defined by the founding documents of this Ministry and any amendments made to the founding documents in accordance with the ministry Bylaws. Any fiduciary liability shall neither jeopardize nor limit the individual performance of the parties. The Trustees shall be reimbursed and exonerated by this Ministry for any losses occasioned by the Trustees while serving as such, in the same extent as would non-interested persons.
- P. The Trustees may, at any meeting, appoint additional Trustees, a Trustee At Large, or Successor Trustees to act on behalf of this Ministry in the event of the death, disability, or incapacity of a director.
- Q. The Advisors shall have and possess only such authority as provided in these Bylaws.
- R. An Advisor may be ordained and commissioned by this Ministry at the discretion of the Director. An Advisor must be a product of a deep-seated conviction with respect to God and Nature and is fully committed to seek the Truth through Prayer, Meditation, the Holy Spirit, study of the Holy Bible, communing with Nature and otherwise.

## Article III

#### Charter

- A. It is expressly declared that this Ministry, which is established in accordance with the laws of nature and nature's God, Ministry ecclesiastical law, the law of man, the constitution(s) and invoking the mandatory exceptions identified within section 508c1a of title 26 of the United States Code and any equivalent code within any of the several states of the United States of America is an unincorporated private entity.
- B. The Ministry terminology used in this charter and its supporting documents is used solely for clarification of the various usages for LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY under universal contract law by and between free, spiritually autonomous, sentient beings whose lives and rights derive from God Almighty, Nature, and the unique Covenant of each party with the Creator.

### Article IV

## Name, Domicile, and Offices

The Director and Co-Founding Trustees are collectively designated as the Board of Trustees for LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, in which name the Director and Co-Trustees may execute and convey personal property and any interest therein, sue and be sued with consent, (see Section Seven), and conduct all said business of this Ministry. The principal domicile and place of ministry shall be exclusively determined by the Board of Trustees with subordinate locations as determined to be beneficial to the Ministry.

## Article V

### Venue and Jurisdiction

Excepting chain of title on all land titles, all business, and affairs of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY remains exclusively within the jurisdiction of the laws of nature and Nature's God and ecclesiastical law as defined, interpreted, and adjudicated by the designated committees and Tribunals of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY. Venue and jurisdiction are solely within Ecclesiastical Courts or Tribunals of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, and all hearings, proceedings, and trials must be recorded in the records of the Ecclesiastical Court/Tribunal of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY. All other courts of any jurisdiction foreign to the Courts/Tribunals of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY lack personal or subject matter jurisdiction to hear or decide any matter of Ecclesiastical Law of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY.

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The eternal Covenant of the Undersigned with the Creator remains paramount in all matters. As it is written: "... we ought to obey God rather than man", Acts 5:29; and "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.", Matt. 6:24.

With the intent of living in peace with all people and living beings in the Kingdom of God, each Trustee and each minister is established as an Ecclesiastical Emissary with neutral, non-engaged, status, and is not involved in any manner with any disputes, conflicts, wars, and declarations of war powers involving any other parties.

By the authority of the eternal Covenant with our creator and the uncreated, eternal Source of each, LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY Trustees possess such absolute rights and powers as authority for:

- Utilizing freely the dominion given to man over the animals of the earth and without interference or sanction from any source, all-natural substances as sacraments, for health, healing and other purposes in accordance with our faith placed in nature and Nature's God.
- Issuing for all Members of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY any permits, licenses, certificates of membership, certificates of ordination, diplomas, certificates of training, or other documents deemed beneficial to Trustees, Ministers, or other members of the Private Ministerial Association within the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical law.
- Creating, preserving, maintaining inviolate, and providing full and unalloyed protection and immunity of every kind whatsoever for all who seek spiritual sanctuary within, and abide on the soil of, any land, buildings, and dwellings of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, under the exclusive venue and jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Law of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY. Said protection and immunity secures inviolate all rights regarding privacy, security, and safety of the person, possessions, papers, and effects of guests and all household dwellers against intrusion of any kind from any source.

## Article VI

#### Authority and Capacity

Authority for establishing LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY derives exclusively from the absolute, inherent, unalienable right of the Undersigned Trustees, and of each individual Member of the unincorporated spiritual society, LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, in and through the Life, Being, Conscience, and Consciousness of the Undersigned and each Member of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, for recognizing and proclaiming the existence of the eternal Covenant with the immortal, uncreated Source of Life of the Undersigned and of each Member of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, concerning which Covenant all Members of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY owe unalienable allegiance and are bound by conviction, creed, and commitment.

No Member of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY may under any circumstances, nor for any reason, abrogate the terms of said binding, absolute, inviolable Covenant. Neither do any other parties, beings, entities, governments, corporations sole, corporations aggregate, nor any legal

persons of any kind whatsoever, possess ethical and lawful authority for interfering in the relationship between any Member of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY and God Almighty that is signified by this Declaration, in accord with the prohibition against impairing the obligation of contracts.

The Undersigned and each Member of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY recognize that every man and woman is a spiritually autonomous unit of free will, sovereignty, self-responsibility, and selfgovernment, and in such capacity may live in accordance with any covenant that such autonomous beings proclaim as established with any party, being, entity, government, legal person, and the like.

## "The sovereign authority and capacity of the Undersigned and each Member of LITTLE FARMERS Ministry for affirming the existence and establishment of this Ministry is eternally in full force and effect, i.e., "*nunc pro tunc*" before the foundation of the world."

Said Covenant is inviolate and must not be abrogated in any manner by anyone, such as on the basis of unilateral action, presumption, consensus, decree, and the like, any more than the eternal and immutable laws of existence can be invalidated by man.

As it is written: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:3.

## Article VII

## Non-Liability of Members of the Board of Trustees

The Members of the Board of Trustees may not under any circumstances be held liable for liabilities of this Ministry excepting any liability defined within the Bylaws. All people and persons dealing with this Ministry may address only funds and assets of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY for the payment of any claim, debt, judgment, obligation, as well as of any "money," that may become due and payable in any way regarding LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY. All actions, claims, and suits MUST be adjudicated in the Tribunals of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY as set forth in this Declaration.

## Article VIII

## Assets

All hereditaments and possessions of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY are the property of God Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and are held in trust and stewardship by the Trustees for the perpetual use, purpose, benefit, behest, and behoof of the peculiar Membership of this unincorporated Private Ministerial Association. If at some time there is no individual Members of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY holding the Offices of Trustee, all assets are revested with the unincorporated LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY and to be held until appointment of successor trustees has been made in accordance with Association Bylaws.

## Article IX

## Distributions

- A. The Board of Trustees may set aside any net, non-taxable increase accruing in favor of this Ministry in amounts that the Board, in the Board's sole discretion, deems appropriate for retaining reserves and additional assets of this Ministry.
- B. Since this Ministry is world-wide in scope, the Board may set aside such funds for providing spiritual freedom and humanitarian benefit as the Board may decide.

## Article X

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## **Execution** of Contracts

The Director and Co-Founding Trustees, and their specific designee(s) possesses exclusive authority for executing all documents and instruments, such as contracts, conveyances, deeds, quitclaims, assignments, assignment of any part of the title on assets and property of this Ministry.

## Article XI

## Succession

By execution of this charter and Bylaws the undersigned Trustees and Managing Directors, and every Successor in Office by the same Title, do hereby create and establish a body politic and a Ministry whose faith and reliance are in Nature and Nature's God, with continuous perpetual succession.

In accordance with the disciplines of this unincorporated Ministry, LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, any vacancy occurring in the administration of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY must be filled in accordance with the Ministry/Private Ministerial Association Bylaws.

## Article XII

#### Acting as Guarantor

The Trustees, Director, or specified designee, at the discretion of the Trustees, may upon occasion pledge the assets of the Ministry as Guarantor for any person, company, and other legal entity.

### Article XIII

#### Notice of Limited Liability

Notice is hereby given that all people, persons, and entities who extend this Ministry credit, contracting with LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, as well as having claims against this Ministry, may regard only the property and other assets of this Ministry for payment and for settlement of any claims, debts, judgment (decree), award, and other obligation that may become payable thereunder. The Trustees, Ministers, and other members are not personally liable when dealing with any business matters of this Ministry.

## Article XIV

#### Covenants

LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY, a Private Ministerial Association, establishes for this Ministry a Covenant of Silence. This Covenant of Silence is between the Holder of Office and the individual Members dealing in any secular and spiritual relationship, document, and matter involved in the relationship between the parties, which is considered private and consecrated. The Trustees, Ministers, and Members are required to affirm acceptance and to observe this covenant and keep all private matters private until death.

## Article XV

## Termination

Upon the termination of this Ministry for any cause, the Board of Trustees may liquidate the estate of the Ministry, if deemed preferable, by disposing of its properties and assets for such amounts and upon such terms as the Board deems prudent. After discharging all proper lawful obligations of this Ministry, the Board shall distribute in favor of providing for the life expenses of Trustees, other unincorporated Spiritual Ministries—with goals compatible with the principles and purposes of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY —the proceeds and remaining assets in any

currency the Board deems appropriate. For these purposes, the Trustees shall continue acting until such duties have been fully performed, whereupon this Ministry shall be finally closed.

## Article XVI

#### Interpretation, Disputes and Claims

- A. Regarding any question concerning interpretation and construction of this charter and Declaration of Ministry, including all supporting documents, the Board retains exclusive authority for construing this instrument in accordance with its good-faith construction and retains all right to alter or amend these charter/bylaws by implementation of the minutes of board meeting. Said construction, as stated in the Minutes, shall be final, conclusive, and binding on this Ministry, as well as all other people, persons, and entities excepting only obligations of contract then in place.
- B. This Charter creates a PRIVATE Ministerial Association and Ministry. All interpretations shall be under the Laws of God as interpreted and adjudicated by the Tribunals of LITTLE FARMERS MINISTRY. For Guidance, all concerned parties, including dispute resolution committees, arbitration tribunals and courts with jurisdiction granted, may consult appropriate court rulings concerning integrated auxiliaries of a Ministry of this type.

## Article XVII

## Savings Clause

If any provision of this Declaration is deemed invalid by competent authority for any reason under circumstances, the remaining provisions shall nevertheless stand and remain in full force and effect.

This is to clarify that the foregoing is a true and corr Association named in the title thereto and these By of Trustees of said Association this $\pm 5 \pm 10^{-10}$ day of	laws were duly adopted by the Board
<u>Founding Trustee</u>	Date:_///5/23
Founding Trustee	Date: 01/15/2023

\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Founding Trustee

Ministry Seal may be applied here:

~And So It Is~