

**11.01 BYLAWS OF THE CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING, DUPAGE
of Aurora, Illinois**

CHARTER #146.

ARTICLE I
PREAMBLE

11.02 This church of Center for Spiritual Living, DuPage, here-in-after written as CSL, is organized under the general plan of Centers for Spiritual Living, which provides that its work in various localities shall be conducted through the medium of church and that its teaching program be conducted under authorization and direction of Centers for Spiritual Living of the State of Colorado. This church agrees to uphold this provision. Each church is an autonomous body in its local affairs and is limited only by the rules and regulations of Centers for Spiritual Living, now or hereafter adopted; and the laws of the locality wherein such church is located. The following Bylaws are uniform in their application to all churches, except as they may be amended with the approval of the Board of Directors of Centers for Spiritual Living, to comply with civil laws governing religious bodies in the state/province wherein a church shall be situated, or to meet special local conditions. The word church refers to this church, and the word, "Trustees" unless otherwise designated, refers to the Trustees of this church. CSL is incorporated under the laws of the State of Colorado as a nonprofit religious and educational institution. [3/05, 2/07].

ARTICLE II
NAME

11.03 Pursuant to written permission granted by the International, and subject to all the conditions thereof, the name of this Corporation shall be Center for Spiritual Living, DuPage of Aurora, Illinois and its Charter number is 146, granted this 4th day of February , 1977 [3/05]

ARTICLE III
PURPOSE

11.04 The purpose of this church shall be to advance the knowledge and practice of Religious Science among all people, especially among its members, and to foster their fellowship, cultural and social well being. [3/05]

ARTICLE IV
MEMBERS

11.05 Section 1. There shall be one class of members. Any person may become a member upon application therefore and approval thereof by the membership committee and the pastor.

11.06 Section 2. Termination of Membership:

11.07 (A) Membership may be terminated by a majority vote of the Trustees, and the approval of the pastor.

11.08 (B) A written notice of intention to terminate membership must be sent fifteen (15) days before such action is to be taken. Upon request, the Board must grant the member a hearing; but the decision of the Board shall be final and not subject to further appeal.

11.09 (C) In addition to the failure of a member to abide by the provisions of Article IV, Section 3, it shall be considered valid grounds for termination of membership if a member is a disruptive element and a cause of dissension so as to make his/her removal in the best interest of the church by establishing harmony within the congregation. [3/05]

11.10 Section 3. The duties and privileges of a member shall be:

11.11 (A) To uphold the teachings and practices of Religious Science by continuous effort therein and to exemplify them in daily life.

11.12 (B) To attend, as far as possible, the religious and social meetings of

the church. [3/05]

- 11.13 (C) To read and study the literature of Religious Science diligently and to disseminate the same as much as possible.
- 11.14 (D) To contribute regularly, as able, to the financial support of the church and the International.
- 11.15 (E) To attend the business meetings of the church, whenever possible, and to vote therein.
- 11.16 (F) To hold office and act on committee.

ARTICLE V
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 11.17 Section 1. The legal and financial stewardship of this church shall be administered by a Board of Trustees, consisting of nine members, one of whom shall be the pastor of the church. If the church has co-pastors, both may serve on the Board of Trustees and all rights and responsibilities of the pastor shall inure to the co-pastor. [7/01, 2/06]
- 11.18 Section 2. The Trustees, with the exception of the pastor, who shall always be a member of the Board of Trustees by virtue of his/her office, shall be elected by the members of this church at the annual meeting of the membership for a term of three (3) years. [7/07] The members of the first Board of Trustees shall classify themselves by lot as to their respective terms of office; one-third of whom shall hold office for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years; thereafter at each annual • meeting, Trustees shall be elected for the term then expiring to the end that at each annual meeting there shall be elected one-third of the members of the Board of Trustees.
- 11.19 Section 3. Vacancies in the Board of Trustees occurring before the expiration of any regular term of office may be filled and the successor to such office

appointed for such unexpired term by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Trustees.

- 11.20 Section 4. Any Trustee who is absent from three consecutive regular and/or special meetings of the Board, without reasonable excuse, shall forfeit the position of Trustee, and shall be advised by the Secretary of the Board.
- 11.21 Section 5. The Board of Trustees by a two-thirds (2/3) vote may remove any lay person of this Board of Trustees. Said lay person may ask in writing for consideration by the membership of the church, setting forth in detail his/her grounds for requesting consideration, provided that such written request for consideration is filed within thirty (30) days of his/her removal as a member of the Board of Trustees and that a copy of the request for reconsideration be simultaneously sent to the Board of Trustees. Failure of the removed member to file such written request for reconsideration shall render as final the action of the Board of Trustees. Such consideration shall be confirmed or denied by a majority of the church membership, in the event of an appeal.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 11.22 Section 1. A quorum for the transaction of business by the Board of Trustees shall be a majority of members thereof..
- 11.23 Section 2. The first regular meeting of the Board of Trustees shall' be held within thirty (30) days following the date of the annual meeting.
- 11.24 Section 3. The Board of Trustees shall hold such other regular or special meetings as the Board may, from time to time, by resolution or otherwise specify, and such resolution or other specification of the Board in relation to such regular meetings shall in itself be sufficient notice thereof, and no other or further notice thereof need be given.
- 11.25 Section 4. The President or any two of the Trustees may at any time call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, provided notice of such special

meeting be given by mailing to the last known address of each Trustee, at least three days prior to the meeting date, a written notice thereof.

- 11.26 Section 5. All meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held at the principal place of business of the church unless otherwise specified in the notice, resolution or other specification convening such meetings.
- 11.27 Section 6. The Trustees may by unanimous consent of all the Trustees waive any provision, restriction or requirement relative to notice, time and place of any meeting of the Board of Trustees. The unanimous consent, - including the written consent of absent Trustees, shall be entered in the minutes of any meeting so held.
- 11.28 Section 7. Any matter or business which is of interest to, or which affects the church may be brought before, considered, acted upon or transacted at any duly and properly convened regular or special meeting of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VII

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- 11.29 Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall direct, manage and conduct the legal and financial stewardship of the church in such a manner, not inconsistent with the laws of the state/province under which it exists and these bylaws and the bylaws and policies of CSL, as said Board may deem appropriate to the end that the purposes of the church may be accomplished. [2/07]
- 11.30 Section 2. No substantial part of the activities of this organization shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (*including the publishing or distribution of statements*) on behalf of any candidate for public office, except to the extent provided by law.

- 11.31 Section 3. DELETED [7/05].
- 11.32 Section 4. The Board of Trustees shall arrange the terms of employment of the pastor.
- 11.33 Section 5. The Board of Trustees shall cause appropriate records to be kept of the meetings and proceedings of the church, and of other affairs of the church, and shall submit in writing at each regular annual meeting of the church an appropriate and comprehensive report of the activities of the church during the preceding year and a complete statement of the financial condition of the church as of a date not more than thirty (30) days preceding the time of the meeting.
- 11.34 Section 6. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a Secretary and/or a Treasurer, who may, but need not be members of the Board, to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS, AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 11.35 Section 1. The officers of the church shall be the President, a Vice President, who shall be elected. by the Board of Trustees from among its membership, and a Secretary and Treasurer, who may, but need not be members of the Board of Trustees.
- 11.36 Section 2. Any two or more officers, other than the offices of President and Secretary may be combined.
- 11.37 Section 3. The officers shall have the 'authorities, powers and duties usually accorded or pertaining to such respective officers, except as the Board of Trustees may, from time to time, enlarge upon or limit the same.
- 11.38 Section 4. The President shall be the chair of the Board of Trustees and shall preside at all Board and church business meetings. In the absence or inability of the President to act, the Vice President shall exercise the duties' and powers

of the President, and in the absence or inability of the Vice president to act, the Board of Trustees shall select a President pro tempore.

11.39 Section 5. The Board of Trustees may from time to time create and abolish such other offices as it may deem appropriate and fix the powers, duties, qualifications and manner of selection of such officers.

11.40 Section 6. The Board of Trustees may appoint an Executive Committee comprised of such number of its members, and delegate to such committee the powers and authority of the Board, except the power to adopt, amend or repeal these bylaws, as it may deem advisable and expedient, provided; however, that the President shall be a member of such Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX **COMMITTEES**

11.41 The Board of Trustees may appoint such standing or special committees as are deemed necessary to carry on the business of the 'church. The pastor is always an ex-officio member of all committees.

ARTICLE X **THE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER**

11.42 Section 1. No person shall hold office of pastor of this church unless he/she shall have been ordained or licensed by the Board of Directors of CSL as a minister. of Religious Science or licensed minister and unless he/she shall continue to hold such recognition and license during his/her tenure of office.

11.43 Section 2. The pastor is always the director of the church and if he/she so desires, shall be the President of the Board of Trustees. As director, the pastor shall appoint, employ or remove the agents, employees of the church. The pastor shall determine the scope, nature and course of their respective duties and authority. The pastor is in charge of all day-to-day business affairs of the church and all ecclesiastical affairs of the church. [7/05]

11.44 Section 3.

(A) The selection of the pastor shall be determined by the membership, as hereafter provided.

11.45 (B) The Board of Trustees shall recommend to the membership, candidates for the office of pastor and the membership shall select the pastor. If the office of co-pastor is vacant and the Board of Trustees wishes to recommend to the membership a candidate for co-pastor, such recommendation must have the approval of the existing pastor. [2/06]

11.46 (C) Once the pastor is elected by the membership, the Board of Trustees shall arrange the terms of employment and compensation of the pastor. [3/07]

11.47 Section 4. In the event that the term or period of employment of the pastor be for an indefinite time, or in the event that the church shall desire to call for the resignation of the pastor, such employment may be terminated, or resignation called for by a majority of the entire membership and voting at such regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

11.48 Section 5. Action of the church prescribed by the two preceding sections of this Article can be taken only at a regular or special meeting of the church, to be held after notice of the time, place and purpose of such meeting shall have been given by announcement at the public meetings of the church for at least two (2) consecutive Sundays before next said meeting; or written notice to all active members ten (10) days prior to such meeting.

ARTICLE XI
CHURCH MEETINGS

11.49 Section 1. A regular annual meeting of the church shall be held. The time and place of said, meeting shall be established by the Board of Trustees in accordance with Article XI, Section 4 of these bylaws. Such annual meeting

may be adjourned from day to day or a subsequent day by majority vote of the members in attendance of such meeting.

- 11.50 Section 2. At the annual meeting of the church, the membership shall receive the reports of the Board of Trustees, elect Trustees to fill the positions of the terms then expiring, and pass upon and transact such other business as may properly come before such meeting.
- 11.51 Section 3. Special meetings of the church membership may be held at the call of the pastor or by three members of the Board of Trustees.
- 11.52 Section 4. Notice of all church meetings shall be given by public announcement at the public meetings of the church on not less than two consecutive Sundays next preceding the date of such meetings, or by written notice mailed at least ten (10) days prior to such meeting.
- 11.53 Section 5. A quorum of the membership for a membership business meeting shall consist of not less than twenty per, cent (20%) of the active members of the church.

ARTICLE XII **CHURCH FINANCES**

- 11.54 Section 1. The financial support of the church shall be by voluntary offerings, subscriptions or gifts, and from such other sources and activities as may be proper and in keeping with the purpose of the church.
- 11.55 Section 2. No fixed membership dues shall be charged, but all members shall be afforded opportunity to subscribe a definite sum toward the expenses of the church.
- 11.56 Section 3. All members of the church shall be informed of the financial responsibility of the church in CSL as determined by the Congress of the CSL in annual convention.

11.57 Section 4. This church shall be represented at the annual Congress of CSL as provided in the Bylaws of CSL.

ARTICLE XIII
AMENDMENTS

11.58 Section 1. Original charters and bylaws in total and any changes shall be submitted to CSL for approval or rejection and no such bylaws or amendments shall be effective for any purpose until same shall be approved by the Board of Directors of CSL.

11.59 Section 2. The Board of Trustees of this church may propose changes and amendments to these bylaws and shall submit such proposals to CSL for approval.

ARTICLE XIV
CORPORATE SEAL

11.60 Section 1. The church shall have a Corporate Seal, containing the exact name of this church and the date and State/Province of Incorporation.

ARTICLE XV
DISSOLUTION

11.61 Section 1. The property of this church is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this church shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private persons. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the church, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this church shall be distributed to CSL which is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XVI
LITIGATION

11.62 This church shall hold CSL harmless against any action, litigation or suit brought against CSL as a result of the actions of the church pastor, employees, board members, members or volunteers. This church shall defend CSL against any said action, and will furnish legal defense, legal counsel and/or advise at no cost to CSL. This church agrees that CSL is in no way responsible for the actions of its member churches when such action contradicts CSL Bylaws and Policies or Standard Church Bylaws.

11.63 **KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THEIR PRESENCE:**

That we, the undersigned, being all the Trustees named in the Articles of Incorporation of the DuPage Center for Spiritual Living, at Aurora, Illinois, being and constituting the entire present membership of the Board of Trustees thereof, hereby adopt the foregoing Bylaws of said Corporation.

11.64 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 19th day of January, 2015, at Aurora, Illinois.

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