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For use by Ecclesiastical Corporations of the Aquarian Tabernacle Church

SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF IDAHO

Article 1: The name of this corporation shall be:

Temple of the Stone , Inc.

Article 2: i) The location of said church shall be in **Idaho Falls, county of Bonneville and state of Idaho.**

ii) The address of the Registered Office is: **127 Carol Street, Idaho Falls, ID 83401**

iii) The mailing address of the Registered Agent is **the same as ii) above.**

iiii) The name of the Registered Agent is : **Nancy Bigham.**

Article 3: The duration of existence of the corporation shall be in perpetuity.

Article 4: The specific and primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is to support and teach the tenets of the Wiccan religion, to encourage and foster tolerance and interaction between the many differing faiths of the world, to provide and disseminate information regarding the faith to the general public, other religious and secular bodies, and to the print and broadcast media in order to educate and inform, and to promote Wiccan worship, religious education and religious tolerance. This corporation shall be a legally independent affiliate and religious subordinate of the Mother Church, the Aquarian Tabernacle Church, a hierarchical not-for-profit religious corporation incorporated in Washington State, and shall function in trust therefor.

Article 5: In addition thereto, the corporation shall have the further general purposes and powers as follows but not limited thereto, as well as all such powers to engage in any lawful act or activity for which not-for-profit corporations may be organized under the laws of this state, viz.:

i) To sue and be sued;

ii) To publicize, publish, promote, teach, inform, research, and explore all the religious philosophies of the world as its directors may be moved to do, and to exercise any, all, and every power to which an establishment of religion is entitled;

iii) To create, modify, or dissolve educational, informational and instructional bodies, schools or religious organizations, societies, fraternities and sororities, research and experimental organizations, and other subsidiary organizations as the Board of Directors may from time to time direct;

iv) To authorize, bestow, convey, grant or issue certificates, credentials, diplomas, memberships, ordinations, or to do otherwise as the Board of Directors may from time to time authorize and direct;

v) To establish various and diverse classes of memberships as the Board of Directors may from time to time direct; and

vi) In furtherance of its mission, it shall borrow moneys, contract debts, receive

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property by devise, bequest or trust, to issue bonds, notes and debentures as may be allowed by law, and to secure, pay interest on and redeem same; to own, buy, sell, rent or lease property, real or personal, including shares of stocks, bonds and securities of other corporations as the Board of Directors may from time to time direct, and shall act as the trustee of same on behalf of the Mother Church or under any trust incidental to the principal objects of the corporation, and receive, hold, administer any funds and manage such property subject to that trust.

Article 6: The corporation shall not have any capital stock and the conditions, classes and powers of membership shall be as stated in the bylaws. The only voting members of this corporation shall be the Directors, with the advice of any other classes of membership.

Article 7: The activities and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, who shall constitute the only Voting Members of the corporation. The number of Directors which shall constitute the whole board shall be as from time to time fixed by, or in the manner provided in the bylaws, but at no time shall it be less than three nor exceed five. Additions to, changes in, or removals from the Board shall be reported to the Board of Directors of the Aquarian Tabernacle Church at the church headquarters within ten days of the event and be acknowledged thereby to become effective.

Article 8: The Board shall adopt and from time to time as it deems necessary, amend the bylaws or Articles of Incorporation of the corporation by a majority vote of the Directors in attendance at a meeting called for the purpose after two weeks prior proper notice, and such amendments shall become effective only on the receipt, ratification by and acknowledgment of said bylaws by the Board of Directors of the Aquarian Tabernacle Church at the church headquarters, prior to the required subsequent filing with the Secretary of State of this state, and all rights conferred upon any members or officers herein are granted subject to this reservation.

Article 9: The meetings of the Board of Directors may be held in any permitted location whatsoever, within or without this state, subject to the provisions of the bylaws. The books and records of the corporation may be kept at any location allowed by law not inconsistent with the bylaws of the corporation. Quarterly financial reports shall be made to the Mother Church in accordance with the supervisory requirements of the Internal Revenue Service of the Treasury Department of the United States of America.

Article 10: No substantial part of the activities of this corporation or any subordinate church organization shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation beyond that specifically permitted by law and the Internal Revenue Code of the Treasury Department of the United States of America, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of or against any candidate for public office.

Article 11: The property of this corporation is held in trust on behalf of the Mother Church and is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes. This corporation shall receive its tax exempt status as a subordinate affiliate of the Aquarian Tabernacle Church, the Mother Church herein before mentioned. Upon liquidation, dissolution, or abandonment by this corporation, after

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providing for the debts and obligations of this corporation, all remaining assets will not inure to the benefit of any private person, but will be distributed to the Mother Church, the Aquarian Tabernacle Church or its successor at its headquarters (currently in Washington state), or if same no longer exists, to another 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(2) qualified, nonprofit church, fund, foundation or corporation which is organized exclusively for Wiccan/Pagan religious and/or charitable purposes and which is entitled to or already has established tax-exempt status under the previously mentioned sections of the Internal Revenue code, or the corresponding sections of any future applicable tax code.

In witness whereof, the parties hereby associating, for the purposes of giving legal effect to these articles hereunto sign our names and places of residence:

1. **Sean Bigham.** Sean Bigham
127 Carol Street,
Idaho Falls, ID 83401
Director/ Incorporator
2. **Nancy Bigham,** Nancy Bigham
127 Carol Street,
Idaho Falls, ID 83401
Director/Incorporator
3. **Robert Radford,** Robert Radford
4353 East 200 North,
Rigby, ID 83402
Director/ Incorporator

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2011

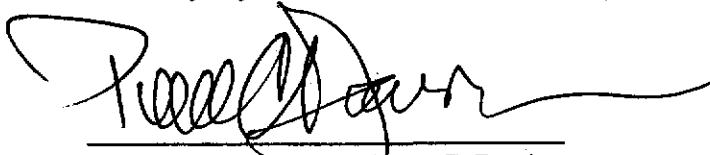
by: _____

(Signature of Notary)

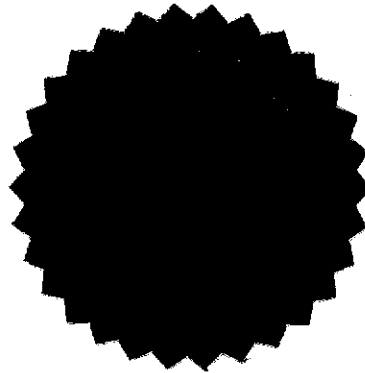
Authorization of the Mother Church:
The Aquarian Tabernacle Church
48631 River Park Drive,
P.O. Box 409,
Index, Washington 98256-0409
(360) 793-1945

By the authority vested in me as the presiding Archpriest and primate of the Aquarian Tabernacle Church worldwide, authorization is hereby granted to **Sean Bigham, Nancy Bigham and Robert Radford** to incorporate and operate the **Temple of the Stone** non exclusively as a subordinate congregation of the Aquarian Tabernacle Church in and around the city of **Idaho Falls, Idaho** area while maintaining good standing with the Mother church:

Given by my hand and seal this **11th.** day of **July** in the year **2011** of the common era:

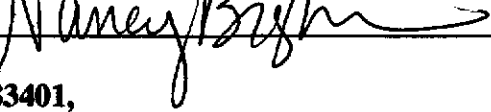


The Right Reverend Pierre C. Davis,
Archpriest and President



Acceptance by Registered Agent

I, **Nancy Bigham**, hereby accept appointment as Registered Agent of **Temple of the Stone**, with the registered office of said agent to be at **127 Carol Street, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, Idaho Falls, ID 83402**. I further state that I am aware that, should I cease to be registered agent for this corporation, I am under obligation to notify the Secretary of State of the **State of Idaho**, Corporations Division, of my leaving that office.

Nancy Bigham  January 5, 2012
127 Carol Street,
Idaho Falls, ID 83401,