# AMENDED & RESTATED

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Life in Christ Christian Reformed Church,

a Utah non-profit corporation

The undersigned, being the President of Life in Christ Christian Reformed Church, a Utah non-profit corporation, (the "Corporation"), does hereby certify that the Corporation's Articles of Incorporation are hereby amended and restated in their entirety to read as follows and supersede and replace the existing Articles of Incorporation and all prior amendments thereto, effective as of the date of filing hereof with the Division of Corporations & Commercial Code of the Department of Commerce of the State of Utah, and pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 6a of Title 16 of the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act (the "Act").

These Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation were approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation at its meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

### **ARTICLE I**

### NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of this Corporation (church) is Life in Christ Christian Reformed Church.

## **ARTICLE II**

#### LOCATION

The location of the principal place of business of the Corporation shall be 803 East 900 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84105. The name of the Corporation's resident agent is Andrew Sytsma and the registered agent's address is 1328 West Sunset Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84116.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### FUNDAMENTAL ECCLESIASTICAL PRINCIPLES

The fundamental ecclesiastical principles of this Corporation shall be clearly stated in its By-Laws.

### ARTICLE IV

## **PURPOSES**

The Corporation is a nonprofit, ecclesiastical corporation organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes, advancement of religious beliefs, and the support of spiritual growth within its congregation, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future

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United States Internal Revenue Law) (the "Code"). The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

This Corporation has not been formed for pecuniary profit or gain. No part of the assets, income, or profit of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of its members, council members, or officers. However, the Corporation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article IV.

No substantial part of the activities of this Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. This Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **CORPORATION GOVERNANCE**

The Corporation shall have voting members who must be duly admitted members of the church congregation. Voting rights of members shall be subject to the terms of the Corporation's bylaws.

The ecclesiastical government of the Corporation (church) shall be conducted in accordance with the Church Order of the Christian Reformed Church in North America as Synod shall adopt or revise (the "Church Order"). The council of this church, as defined under the Church Order, shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Corporation and shall have all powers over the temporalities of this church as the Church Order and relevant state law may prescribe.

Any persons elected to the office of elder or deacon according to the Church Order and the pastor(s) must be members of the church. The corporate functions related to an office shall cease on the vacating of the office, but a vacancy in the office of the pastor(s) shall in no way affect the church or the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, the Corporation's remaining assets, if any, after the payment of its debts and expenses, shall be conveyed as the Board of Directors may propose and as the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members shall determine, subject to each of the following:

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- A. The vote of the members shall be in accordance with the provisions of paragraph B of Article VII of these Articles of Incorporation (except that an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members is required to approve dissolution); and
- B. All remaining assets must be distributed only to one or more organizations which qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

# **ARTICLE VII**

## MEMBERSHIP VOTING REQUIREMENTS

### FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS

- A. Except as provided under paragraphs B through D of this Article VII of these Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors shall have the authority to bargain, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, or release any real estate belonging to the church; to erect and repair church buildings, parsonages, schoolhouses and other buildings for the direct and legitimate use of the church; and to fix the salary of anyone in its employment.
- B. No purchase of real property, sale or conveyance of real property, mortgage of real property, lease of real property, or fixing of salaries shall occur under paragraph A of this Article VII of these Articles of Incorporation unless the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the church shall be first obtained at a meeting of the members present and entitled to vote. This meeting shall be specially called for that purpose by notice given for two successive Sundays at the usual place of meeting.
- C. In the event of schism, the provisions of the By-Laws shall control the disposition of any real or personal property.
- D. No sale, mortgage, or conveyance shall be made of any gift, grant, donation, conveyance, or bequest, which would be inconsistent with the express terms or plain intent of the grant, donation, gift, conveyance, or bequest.

### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **AMENDMENTS**

The Board of Directors may at any time, by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the Directors, adopt amendments to these Articles of Incorporation. Before any such amendment shall become effective, the Directors shall obtain an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members of the church who are present and entitled to vote at a meeting specially called for that purpose, of which notice has first been given as provided for under paragraph B of Article VII of these Articles of Incorporation.

### **ARTICLE IX**

#### LIMITED LIABILITY

The liability of an officer, member of the Board of Directors, employee, or member of any committee of the church shall be limited, eliminated, or assumed to the extent as is authorized under the relevant laws of the State of Utah and the Act, except to the extent such limitation, elimination, or assumption of liability is inconsistent with the status of the Corporation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or results in the imposition of tax under Section 4958 of the Code. No amendment or repeal of this Article shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any member of the Board of Directors or officer of this Corporation for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such director occurring prior to the effective date of any such amendment or repeal.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **TERM**

The term of this corporation is perpetual.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that these Amended and Restated Articles of
Incorporation have been duly approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

Stephen Zaiser, President of Life in Christ Christian Reformed Church