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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Chair and Board Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board 

DATE: July 20, 2026

RE: Petition for Relief of Real Property Taxes – Grimaldi Enterprises, L.L.C.,
d.b.a. Via de Dios

Pursuant to A.R.S. §42-11109(E), Grimaldi Enterprises, L.L.C., d.b.a. Via de Dios, filed a petition for relief of taxes and any associated interest for tax years 2024 and 2025, for Tax Parcel No. 112-02-0710, for the following:

Pending Tax Payments:

<u>Parcel No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Taxes Due</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
112-02-0710	2025-1	\$1,930.31	\$231.64	\$2,161.95
112-02-0710	2025-2	\$1,930.31	\$ 77.21	\$2,007.52
Total		\$3,860.62	\$308.85	\$4,169.47

There are no pending tax payments for tax year 2024.

The Assessor's review indicated that had the affidavit been filed in a timely manner, the Assessor would have denied the exemption for tax years 2024 and 2025 for the following reasons:

- The required ownership of the property was not in effect during the time period required by statute.
- Via de Dios is not the titled owner of the subject parcel and the parcel owner, Grimaldi Enterprises, L.L.C. is not listed with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) as the managing member or authorized entity of the church.

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Attachments

- Notice of Hearing
- Assessor's Review Forms
- Treasurer's Tax Reports
- Grimaldi Enterprises, L.L.C., d.b.a. Via de Dios submission



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July 16, 2026

Grimaldi Enterprises, L.L.C., d.b.a. Via de Dios
Attn: Francine Rienstra, Founder/Executive Director/CEO
3615 N. Prince Village Place, No. 101
Tucson, AZ 85719

RE: Petition for Relief of Taxes – Tax Parcel No. 112-02-0710

Dear Ms. Rienstra:

Please be advised that your Petition for Relief of Property Taxes for tax years 2024 and 2025, has been scheduled before the Pima County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., or thereafter, at the following location:

Pima County Administration Building
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
130 W. Congress, 1st Floor
Tucson, AZ 85701

If you have any questions regarding this hearing, please contact this office at (520) 724-8449.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Manriquez", is written over a horizontal line.

Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Board

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Petition to the Board of Supervisors - Review Form

Pursuant to A.R.S. §42-11104(G) (educational/library property) or
 ✓ A.R.S. §42-11109(E) (religious property)

Taxpayer Grimaldi Enterprises, L.L.C., d.b.a. Via de Dios

For tax year(s) 2024 - Parcel No. 112-02-0710

- 1) Did the organization file an affidavit as required by A.R.S. §42-11153?
 Yes ✓ No
- 2) Was the affidavit filed on or before March 1 of the tax year as required by A.R.S. §42-11153?
 Yes ✓ No
- 3) If the affidavit had been filed timely, would the Assessor have granted the exemption?
 Yes ✓ No
- 4) If the answer to Number 3 is "No", why was the exemption denied?
 ✓ The required ownership of the property was not in effect during the time period required by statute.
 The property was not being used for the exempt purpose during the time period required by statute.
 The requesting church, educational or library property did not furnish the required documents requested by the Assessor at the time of application per A.R.S. §42-11152(3)&(B)
 ✓ Other: Via De Dios is not the titled owner of the subject parcel and the
parcel owner, Grimaldi Enterprises LLC is not listed with the Arizona
Corporation Commission (ACC) as the managing member or
authorized entity of the church.

Completed by: rlarsen Date: 07/02/2026

c: Honorable Suzanne Droubie, Pima County Assessor



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c: Honorable Suzanne Droubie, Pima County Assessor

Real Property Account Balance

Jake Martin (PRODUCTION
X64)
Thu, Jul 02 2026



STATE CODE	AS OF DATE
112-02-0710	7/2/2026

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ACCOUNT BALANCE								
TAX YEAR	CERT NO	INTEREST DATE	INTEREST PERCENT	AMOUNT	INTEREST	FEES	PENALTIES	TOTAL DUE
2025 - 1		11/4/2025	16.0	1,930.31	231.64	0.00	0.00	2,161.95
2025 - 2		5/2/2026	16.0	1,930.31	77.21	0.00	0.00	2,007.52
TOTALS				\$3,860.62	\$308.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,169.47

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PROPERTY INFORMATION		ADDRESS INFORMATION	TAX AUTHORITY	TAX SUMMARY
STATE CODE	112.02.0710.6	PROPERTY STATUS	PRIOR DELINQUENT [MORE...]	
TAX YEAR	2025	OWNER NAME	GRIMALDI ENTERPRISES LLC	
REVISION NO	0	PROPERTY ADDRESS	No Location Data Available	
PROPERTY TYPE	Real Estate	AREA	0150	
COMMENTS	Y	USE CODE	1571	
COUPONS SENT	Y			
PRIOR DELINQUENCY	N			
NO OF INSTALLMENTS	2			
BALANCES		SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION		
TOTAL TAX	\$3,860.62	TRC NO		
NSF DUE	0.00	TRC DATE		
PENALTIES	0.00	PREVIOUS TRC NO		
FIRST HALF DUE	2,161.95	TRC REASON		
SECOND HALF DUE	2,007.52	RELATED TRCS		
BALANCE DUE	\$4,169.47	CERTIFICATES		
		GENEALOGY	Y	
		CASE NO		
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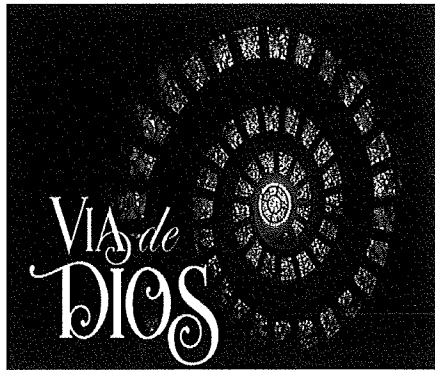
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PROPERTY TYPE	Real Estate	AREA	0150 ▾		
COMMENTS	Y	USE CODE	1571		
COUPONS SENT	Y				
PRIOR DELINQUENCY	N				
NO OF INSTALLMENTS	2 ▾				
BALANCES		SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION			
TOTAL TAX	\$4,000.14 ▾	TRC NO			
NSF DUE	0.00	TRC DATE			
PENALTIES	0.00	PREVIOUS TRC NO			
FIRST HALF DUE	0.00	TRC REASON			
SECOND HALF DUE	0.00	RELATED TRCS			
BALANCE DUE	\$0.00	CERTIFICATES			
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May 21 2026

Grimaldi Enterprises LLC dba Via de Dios
Ms. Francine Grimaldi Rienstra
Founder/ Executive Director/CEO
3615 N Prince Village Place, #101
ViadeDios.az@gmail.com
www.viadedios.org
520.954.1811

Pima County Board of Supervisors
ATTN: Ms Katrina Enriquez, Clerk of the Board
130 W Congress, 1st floor
Tucson, AZ 85701
520-724-8449
cob_mail@pima.gov

**RE: Letter of petition for refund of property tax for closed tax years 2024 and 2025
Due to our tax-exempt status. Parcel #112-02-0710-Prince Village Offices 1LOT1
3615 N Prince Village Pl. #101, Tucson AZ 85719**

Dear Ms Enriquez and Board of Supervisors

I am Francine Rienstra, Founder/Director/CEO, of Via de Dios, a recognized nonprofit by the Arizona Corporation Commission and the IRS;
Tax ID # 82-1808624.

We are a small nonprofit. I purchased our suite in 2022 and pay all property expenses from the Grimaldi Enterprises LLC account dba Via de Dios. I was billed for property taxes in 2024 and 2025, and paid both the first half, \$2000.07, in October 2024 and the second half, \$2000.07 in April 2025 not realizing that something was wrong. I recently discovered the error and called the Pima County Assessor's office.

I have filled out all the requested forms and sent all of the documentation to Lisa Hartung. I am attaching the same documentation plus your requested letter of petition for a refund of closed tax years 2024 and 2025.

Please refund:

\$2000.07 dated Oct 25, 2024 paid by Check #100
\$2000.07 dated April 18, 2025 paid by Check #104

Thank You,
Francine Rienstra
ViadeDios.az@gmail.com
520.954.1811

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NON-PROFIT AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS
Property Tax Information and Questionnaire form

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EXEMPTION

1. Name & Address of Organization:

Via de Dios
3615 N Princeville Pl #101
Tucson, AZ 85719

2. Under which section of Title 42, Chapter 11, Article 3 does your organization claim exemption? 42-1109

(Arizona Revised Statutes can be found at: www.azleg.gov)

3. Are there any type of business activities such as snack bars, cafés or restaurants operating on the premises? Yes ☐ No ☒

4. Is the organization exempt from Federal and/or State income taxes?

Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Is the Organization a 501 (C)? Yes ☒ which type Religious . No ☐

6. Claimant is: Owner/Operator ☒ Owner only ☐ Operator only ☐

7. Exemption is claimed on:

All land ☐ Buildings & Improvements ☒ Personal Property ☐

8. Is any portion of the property used as a place of residence? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, state number of individuals occupying the premises and the duration of the occupancy. _____

9. Does applicant receive any income? (other than free will offerings in connection with this property) Yes ☐ No ☒

10. Is any portion of the property being leased or rented to a non-profit and/or a for-profit organization(s)? Yes ☒ No ☐ . If yes, please list the name(s) of the organization(s) CENTER FOR THE HEART OF JESUS

11. List date of occupancy: Month MAY Day 5 Year 2025.

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Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 42-11101 through 42-11155

APPLICANT MAILING ADDRESS:

ORGANIZATION NAME: VIA DE DIOS
3615 N PRINCE VILLAGE PLACE #101

TUCSON, AZ 85719

Applicant Address change		Yes ☐	No ☒
CONTACT INFORMATION (Address if different than Applicant)			
Name: FRANKIE RIENSTRA			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Telephone # for Applicant: 520-954-1811			
Telephone # for Contact: 520-954-1811			
Email: VIADEDIOS.AZ@GMAIL.COM			
Web Address: VIADEDIOS.ORG			
Note:			

NOTE: ALL FIELDS MUST BE COMPLETED. AFFIDAVIT MUST BE RETURNED BY MARCH 1, of the current year.

(A) EXEMPTION STATUTE:		
501: <u>1.3</u>	YES ☒	NO ☐
TYPE OF 501 STATUS: <u>in good standing</u>		
Type of Organization: <u>RELIGIOUS</u>		
MVD Certificate:	YES ☐	NO ☒
Requesting New Property? See Reverse Side.		

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STATE OF AZ / PIMA COUNTY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ OVER THE FOREGOING
FACTS BEFORE SUBSCRIBING MY NAME HERETO AND THAT ALL
MATTERS HEREIN STATED ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY
KNOWLEDGE.

PROPERTY OWNER / AGENT

DATE _____

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Suzanne Droubie
Pima County Assessor

240 N. Stone Ave Tucson,
AZ 85701 Phone:
(520)724-7500
ASRValRelief@pima.gov

REQUEST FOR REDEMPTION OF WAIVER

Name: Grimaldi Enterprises LLC dba Vacker 108

Address: 3615 N Prince Village Place #101

Mailing (If different from above): _____

Phone: (520) 954-1811

Parcel/Account Number: 112-02-0710 1101

Exemption Type: _____ Personal (100% Disabled/Widow/Widower)

☒ Non-Profit Organization

The application for tax exemption was filed after the March 1 deadline.

I hereby request that the waiver of tax exemption be redeemed by the Pima County Board of Supervisors per A.R.S. §42-11153. NOTE: If taxes have become due, this application will not be processed and is hereby denied in conformance with Statute A.R.S. §42-11153(B)

Signed, Flavio P. [Signature] Date: 5-12-2026

Please return this form to:

Pima County Assessor's Office
Valuation Relief Programs
240 N. Stone Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85701

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240 N. Stone Ave. Tucson, AZ 85701 www.asr.pima.gov

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Pima County Organizational Tax Exemption Application

Organizational Tax Exemption Affidavit:

Organization Name: Grimaldi Enterprises LLC - dba- Via de Dios

Mailing Address: 3615 N Prince Village Pl #101

Tucson, AZ 85719

Phone Number: 520-954-1811 Website: viadedios.org

Contact Name & Title: Francine Rienstra - Founder/ Executive Director/CEO

Phone Number: 520-954-1811 Email: viadedios.az@gmail.com

☒ Yes ☐ No Does the organization have a 501(c) designation letter issued by the IRS? If yes, a copy must be submitted along with your application.

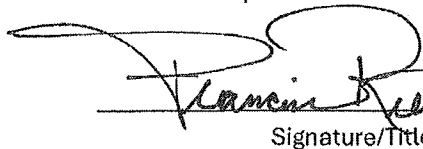
☐ Yes ☐ No If the organization does not have a 501(c) designation letter, is the applicant exempt from paying Federal/State Taxes?

☐ Yes ☒ No Does the organization own any vehicles?

List each property being requested for tax year 2026

Parcel / Account Number	Situs / Location
112-02-0710 - Prince Village Offices 1LOT1	3615 N Prince Village Pl #101, Tucson, AZ 85719

By signing this application, I declare under penalty of perjury that this claim for Property Tax Exemption, including all submitted documents, is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the Assessor's Office will require additional documentation to be submitted in order to prove the facts pursuant to Title 42 Chapter 11 Article 3. All documents must be submitted no later than when taxes become due and payable and a failure to submit all requested documents will constitute a waiver of the exemption.

 Francine Rienstra - Executive Director/CEO 5-12-2026
Signature/Title Date

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Pima County Organizational Tax Exemption Application

Questionnaire – All fields must be completed

This document may be recorded with the Pima County Recorder's Office

Organization Name: Grimaldi Enterprises LLC - dba - Via de Dios

Parcel 112-02-0710

Account _____

The applicant is: Owner/Operator: ☒ Owner only ☐ Operator only ☐

Which Arizona Revised Statute and Subsection are you requesting exemption for this property? Title 42, Chapter 11, Article 3: 42-11109

List all activities conducted on the requested property and how these activities qualify under the above statute:
Prayer groups - Retreats - Classes

☐ Yes ☒ No Is any portion of this property not being used by the Applicant for an approved exempt use under Title 42 Chapter 11 Article 3? If yes, please explain: _____

☒ Yes ☐ No Is any portion of the property being leased or rented to a non-profit and/or a for-profit organization(s)? If yes, please list below. (All Lease agreements must be submitted along with the application.)

Organization Name	Leased Square Footage	Non-Profit	For-Profit
Center for the Heart of Jesus	office - 156 [12X13]	☒	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐

☐ Yes ☒ No Does the organization operate any type of food and beverage activities on the property?

☐ Yes ☒ No Is any portion of the property used as a place of residence? If yes, state number of individuals occupying the premises and the duration of the occupancy. If the occupant is a member of the organization, please also list their title. _____

☐ Yes ☒ No Does the applicant receive any income other than free will offerings in connection with this property? If yes, please explain: _____

☐ Yes ☒ No Are any portion of the improvements vacant? If yes, please list the square footage & expected date of occupancy for an approved exempt use under Title 42 Chapter 11 Article 3. Date: _____

Vacant Land Requests

☐ Yes ☒ No Are there plans to develop the vacant land for an approved exempt use under Title 42 Chapter 11 Article 3? If yes, provide proof of intended use as well as list the expected date for development to begin and finish. Date: _____ Through _____

By signing this document and under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that all information contained in this questionnaire is true and correct. I also understand that this document may be recorded for public records.

Traci Reins - Executive Director - CEO
Signature/Title

5-12-2020
Date

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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

OCT 24 2017

VIA DE DIOS
1099 S PANTANO RD STE 17223
TUCSON, AZ 85731

Employer Identification Number:
82-1808624

DLN:
17053216304027

Contact Person:
ERIC KAYE ID# 31612

Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500

Accounting Period Ending:
December 31

Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes

Effective Date of Exemption:
June 2, 2017

Contribution Deductibility:
Yes

Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

VIA DE DIOS

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

Via de Dios
Conflict of Interest Policy

Article I
Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's (Organization) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article II
Definitions

1. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- b. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Article III
Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

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3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

- a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

- a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Article IV **Records of Proceedings**

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V **Compensation**

- a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Article VI
Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy,
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

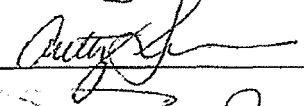
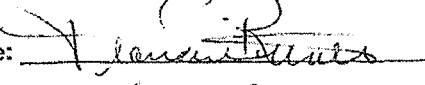
Article VII
Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII
Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

Print Name: <u>Anthony Simas</u>	Title: <u>Board President</u>
Signature: <u></u>	Date: <u>07/31/2017</u>
Print Name: <u>Francine Riestra</u>	Title: <u>Vice President</u>
Signature: <u></u>	Date: <u>7-31-17</u>
Print Name: <u>Linda E. Goode</u>	Title: <u>7/31/17</u>
Signature: <u></u>	Date: <u>Secretary/Treasurer</u>

Approved by the Via de Dios Board of Directors on 7-31-17

Dear VIA DE DIOS,

Congratulations! We are pleased to notify you that the **Annual Report** for **VIA DE DIOS**, has been approved and filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission. You may now view your filing's details by logging into your dashboard at <https://arizonabusinesscenter.azcc.gov/>

Business Name: **VIA DE DIOS**

Business ID: **21916815**

Approval Date: **04/07/2026**

Work Order Number: **202604070121671**

The Corporations Division strongly encourages you to monitor your business filings and opt-in to filing alerts at <https://arizonabusinesscenter.azcc.gov/>. If you have questions, please contact the Corporations Division at 602-542-3026 or, within Arizona only 800-645-5819, or by email at answers@azcc.gov.

Sincerely,

Corporations Division
1300 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996



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ENTITY NAME - give the exact name of the corporation as currently shown in A.C.C. records:

Via de Dios

EXPEDITED PROCESSING?

☒ YES - add \$35 to the filing fee ☐ NO - pay only the filing fee

Document filing fees are listed on the bottom of each form or on the fee schedule on our website, <http://ecorp.azcc.gov>, under the FAQs.

PAYMENT:

☐ MOD Account #: _____ Total amount to deduct: _____

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REQUIRED - RETURN DELIVERY OPTION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and select only ONE):

☒ Email	Email address: <u>FGRIENSTRA@GMAIL.COM</u>		
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	City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Director
Corporations Division

July 11, 2017

FRANCINE RIENSTRA
1099 S PANTANO RD
#17223
TUCSON, AZ 85731

RE: VIA DE DIOS
File Number: 21916815

We are pleased to notify you that the Amendment to Articles of Incorporation for the above referenced corporation HAS BEEN APPROVED.

If the known place of business of the corporation is NOT in Maricopa County or Pima County, the document must be published. The publication must be completed within 60 days after the date of this letter, and must be in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the known place of business in Arizona for three consecutive publications. A list of newspapers is available on the Commission website,
<http://azcc.gov/Divisions/Corporations/Newspaper-list-for-publishing.pdf>.
You may receive an Affidavit of Publication from the newspaper, and you may file it with the Commission.

If the known place of business of the corporation is in Maricopa County or Pima County, the Commission has already posted notice of the approved document on its website at <http://ecorp.azcc.gov/PublicNotice>. This posting by the Commission satisfies the statutory requirement for public notice, and no further action on your part is required in order to satisfy the notice requirement. However, at your option, you may elect to provide additional public notice by publishing a copy of the approved document in a newspaper. If you choose to publish, the publication must be completed within 60 days after the date of this letter, and must be in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the known place of business in Arizona for three consecutive publications. A list of newspapers is available on the Commission website,
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We strongly recommend that you periodically monitor your corporation's record with the Commission, which can be viewed at <http://ecorp.azcc.gov>. If you have questions or need further information, please contact us at (602) 542-3026 in Phoenix, or Toll Free (Arizona residents only) at 1-800-345-5819.

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**CERTIFICATE CONCERNING
RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
NONPROFIT CORPORATION**
Read the Instructions C0131

1. **ENTITY NAME** - give the exact name of the corporation as currently shown in A.C.C. records:

VIA DE DIOS

2. **A.C.C. FILE NUMBER:** 21916815

Find the A.C.C. file number on the upper corner of filed documents OR on our website at: <http://www.arcc.gov/Divisions/Corporations>

3. **DATE OF ADOPTION** - date on which the restated Articles were adopted: 6-26-17

4. **APPROVAL OF RESTATED ARTICLES** - check 4.1 or 4.2 (not both) and follow instructions:

4.1 ☒ The restated Articles were approved by the **board of directors without member or third person action**, and the approval of members or any other persons was not required - go to number 6.

4.2 ☐ The restated Articles contain one or more **amendments that required approval by members and/or other persons** - continue with number 5.

5. **APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS** - If 4.2 is checked, check all that apply concerning member or other person approval of the restated Articles with amendments:

☐ Approved by members.

☐ Approved by other person(s) as required by the Articles of Incorporation.

6. **The Restated Articles or Amended and Restated Articles must be attached to this Certificate.**

SIGNATURE: By checking the box marked "I accept" below, I acknowledge *under penalty of perjury* that this document together with any attachments is submitted in compliance with Arizona law.

Francine Rieister
Signature

☒ I ACCEPT

Francine Rieister
Printed Name

6-26-17
Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

REQUIRED - check only one:

☐ I am the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the corporation filing this document.	☒ I am a duly-authorized OFFICER of the corporation filing this document.	☐ I am a duly authorized bankruptcy trustee, receiver, or other court-appointed fiduciary for the corporation filing this document.
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**AMMENDED and RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR VIA DE DIOS**

Pursuant to A.R.S. §10-3202
(Arizona Non-Profit Corporation)

1. Name: The Name of the Corporation is: **Via de Dios**
2. Purpose: The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to act as a religious charitable organization to provide a central location to unite the Christian Community through continuing education, practice, retreats, events, and to centralize ministries.
3. Character of Affairs: The Corporation shall act as a religious charitable organization. The character of affairs of the Corporation will be to; promote unity in the diverse faith community, to pray, educate, practice, equip, empower, inspire, collaborate, and to send proficient confident Christian leaders into the city and the world to provide a transformative Christian perspective to the general population, and such other purposes as permitted under section 501(c)(3) of the federal revised code.
4. Net Earnings: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, 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 United States Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or: (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws).
5. Dissolution: Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all its assets exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purpose as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Laws) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.
6. The power of indemnification under the Arizona Revised Statutes shall not be denied or limited by the Bylaws or the Articles.

7. Board of Directors: The initial board of directors shall consist of 3 directors. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the directors until the first annual meeting of the Board of Directors until their successors are elected and qualified are:

Name: Francine Rienstra
Address: 1099 S. Pantano Rd, # 17223
City, State, Zip: Tucson, AZ 85731

Name: Linda Goode
Address: 1099 S. Pantano Rd, # 17223
City, State, Zip: Tucson, AZ 85731

Name: Anthony Simms
Address: 1099 S. Pantano Rd, # 17223
City, State, Zip: Tucson, AZ 85731

The number of persons to serve on the board of directors thereafter shall be fixed by the Bylaws.

8. Known Place of Business: (In Arizona) The street address of the known place of business of the Corporation is: 1099 S. Pantano Rd, # 17223, Tucson, AZ 85731
9. Statutory Agent: (In Arizona) The name and address of the statutory agent of the Corporation is:
Francine Rienstra
1099 S. Pantano Rd, # 17223
Tucson, AZ 85731
10. Initial Incorporator: The name and address of the initial incorporator is:

Name: Francine Rienstra
Address: 1099 S. Pantano Rd, # 17223
City, State, Zip: Tucson, AZ 85731

Executed this 6 day of July, 2017 by all of the initial incorporators.

Signed: Francine Rienstra

FRANCINE RIENSTRA
[Print Name Here]

[Print Name Here]

PHONE 520-954-1811 FAX _____

Acceptance of Appointment By Statutory Agent

The undersigned hereby acknowledges and accepts the appointment as statutory agent of the above-named corporation effective this 6 day of July, 2017

Signed: Francine Rienstra

[Print Name Here]

[If signing on behalf of a company serving as statutory agent, print company name here]

**BY-LAWS
Of
VIA DE DIOS**

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

**ARTICLE I
NAME AND PURPOSE**

The name of this non-profit corporation is **VIA DE DIOS** (the "Corporation") and its purposes shall be as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE II
NATURE**

The goal of the Corporation is to provide a central location to unite the Christian Community.

**ARTICLE III
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. Nature of the Board of Directors:

- a. There shall be a Board of Directors of the Corporation.

2. Number of Directors:

- a. The Board of Directors shall consist of at least three (3) members.
- b. The Initial Board of Directors was selected based upon their character, their personal investments in the mission of the Corporation and their faith in Jesus Christ.

3. Qualification of Directors:

- a. A director must publicly confess that he/she has accepted Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and Lord (John 1:12, 13) and that he/she believes that Jesus Christ is God's only begotten Son (John 3:16), that He died on the cross for our sins, that God raised Him from the dead (Romans 10:9), and that His shed blood is the only hope of salvation and eternal life (Acts 4:12).
- b. A director must demonstrate in his/her life that he/she has been born again (John 3:3), through evidence of a changed life (2 Corinthians 5:17) and/or evidence of the fruit of the Spirit of God (Galatians 5:22, 23).
- c. A director must subscribe to a copy of the Statement of Faith of the corporation; and said copy of the Statement of Faith as so subscribed shall be filed and kept among the records of the Corporation. At each annual meeting of the members of the Corporation, each member must subscribe to a copy of said Statement of Faith and sign his/her name, and said Statement of Faith as so subscribed shall be filed and kept among the records of the Corporation.

4. Selection of Directors:

- a. Notice of proposed new Board members shall be given by written notice to the members of the Board at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the new members will be voted upon. Such notice should contain statements affirming that the candidate does meet the qualifications for membership.
- b. New Directors shall be approved by majority vote of all the directors, at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

5. Tenure of Directors:

- a. The tenure of office of the Board of Directors shall be Two (2) two (2) year terms; except as stated in Section 7 in this article.

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6. Powers of Directors:

a. The corporate powers, business and property of the Corporation shall be exercised, conducted and controlled by the Board of Directors as provided in the Articles of Incorporation. The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to do and perform or cause to be done and performed any and every act which the Corporation may lawfully do and perform subject, however, to the other provisions of these bylaws. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall have the following powers:

- I. To select and remove all the other officers, agents, and employees of the Corporation, prescribe such powers and duties for them as may not be inconsistent with law, with the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws, fix their compensation and require from them security for faithful service.
- II. To conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of the Corporation and to make such rules and regulations without any inconsistency with law, with the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws, as they may deem best.
- III. To change the principal office for the transaction of the business of the Corporation from one location to another, to fix and locate from time to time, one of more subsidiary offices of the Corporation within or without the State of Arizona for the holding of any meeting of the Corporation.
- IV. To borrow money and incur indebtedness for the purposes of the Corporation, and to cause to be executed and delivered therefore, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trusts, mortgages, pledges, hypothecations or other evidences of debts and securities therefore.
- V. To select and terminate members of the Board of Directors as provided herein.
- VI. To amend the Articles of Incorporation.
- VII. To make the final decision in any necessary matters of doctrine and/or practice within the Corporation.
- VIII. To control the receipt and disbursement of funds of the Corporation.

7. Termination of Directors:

a. Recognizing that Grace is the defining principle of this organization and will be considered central in all matters of discipline; a director will be removed from membership on the Board of Directors when one or more of the following apply:

- I. A director terminates his membership by resignation.
- II. A director refuses to sign the Statement of Faith at the annual meeting of the Corporation.
- III. A director is removed by a 2/3 or majority vote of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, at which time the removal will be voted upon.
- IV. In addition, a Director shall be removed if a majority of the Board of Directors find there under engaged in any of the following:
 - (1) Conduct which tends to bring the affairs and purposes of the Corporation and its Lord into disrepute;
 - (2) An extended period of absence and/or negligence in attention to the affairs of this corporation;
 - (3) Conduct in meetings or elsewhere which is hostile and offensive toward other members of the Corporation;
 - (4) Any sustained conduct that is contrary to the qualifications presented in Section 3 of this article;
 - (5) Failure to submit to the decisions of the Board of Directors regarding any necessary matter of doctrine or practice.

ARTICLE IV
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Location of Meetings:

a. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held anywhere including the Corporation's office subject to Article IV, Section 3.d.

2. Time of Meetings:

- a. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year for the annual meeting of the Corporation, at the time and place to be determined by resolution of the Board.
- b. The President or any two directors may call special meetings of the Board, for any purpose, at any time.

3. Notice of Meetings:

a. **Regular Meetings:** Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting shall be delivered not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting, either by personal delivery, by United States mail, or by facsimile or email with acknowledging receipt, and shall be sent by or at the direction of the President, or the Secretary, or the officer or persons calling the meeting, to each director of record entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the director at his address as it appears on the books of the Corporation, with postage thereon prepaid.

b. **Special Meetings:** Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of any special meeting shall be given at least five (5) days previously thereto by personal delivery, by United States mail or by facsimile or email with acknowledging receipt, and shall be sent by or at the direction of the President, or the Secretary, or the officer or persons calling the meeting, to each director of record entitled to vote at such meeting. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. Notice of a special meeting shall include a description of the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called.

c. **Waiver of Notice:** Any director may waive notice of any meeting either before or after such meeting. The attendance of a director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened, and does not thereafter vote for or assent to action taken at the meeting. All such waiver shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting. All such waivers are valid if made by facsimile transmission, E-mail transmission (addressed to the President and Secretary and copied to all Directors) or other written means.

d. **Attendance:** Attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors may be in person at the office of the Corporation where the meeting is held or by video conference, or synchronously by computer and/or telephone connection.

4. Voting at Meetings:

a. **Quorum:** At any meeting of the Board of Directors, 50% of the Directors must be present in person or synchronously by computer and/or telephone connection, to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

b. Each director shall have the right to cast one vote and no more. There shall be no proxy voting.

c. The executive director is a voting member of the board but is excluded from voting on any conflict of interest issues associated with his/her compensation.

d. A 2/3 majority vote of all the Directors is required:

- I. to amend the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws;
- II. to make final decisions in any necessary matters of doctrine or practice within the Corporation;
- III. to purchase, acquire, sell or otherwise deal in real property (land and/or buildings), held by the Corporation.

e. A majority vote of all the directors is required to approve the selection of new members of the Board of Directors.

f. **Manner of Acting.** The act of the majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

5. Informal Action by Board of Directors: Unless otherwise provided by law, any action required to or which may be taken at a meeting of the directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent

in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by each director, and included in the minutes or filed with the corporate records reflecting the action taken. Such informal action may be taken and meetings assembled pursuant to Section 4.a.

- 6. Action by Resolution.** The Board of Directors shall, except as otherwise provided by law, have the power to act in the following manner: A resolution in writing, signed by all members of the Board of Directors, shall be deemed to be action by such Board to the effect therein expressed, with the same force and effect as if the same had been duly passed by the same vote at a duly convened meeting, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Corporation to record such resolution in the minute book of the Corporation under its proper date.

ARTICLE V **OFFICERS**

The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and/or Treasurer. The same person may be appointed to be both secretary and treasurer.

1. Election:

- a. The Board of Directors shall elect, by majority vote, all officers of the Corporation for two year terms, or until their successors are elected. They shall be subject to removal by the Board of Directors at any time, either with or without cause.

2. Vacancies:

- a. A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

3. Compensation of Officers:

- a. The Board of Directors shall receive no compensation for their services, but they may be paid their expenses while attending to the business of the Corporation.

5. Duties and Responsibilities of the Officers:

- a. **President:** The President shall execute jointly with the secretary and/or treasurer and in the name of the Corporation all deeds, bonds, contracts, and other obligations and instruments authorized by the Board of Directors to be executed. He/she shall also have such other powers and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors.

- b. **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President in the event of the absence or disability of the President, and in so acting shall have all the powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

- c. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors in books provided for that purpose. He/she shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of meetings and members. He/she shall execute jointly with the President and in the name of the Corporation, all deeds, bonds, contracts and other obligations and instruments authorized by the Board of Directors to be executed, unless authorization for the execution thereof by the President alone has been given by the Board of Directors. He/she shall supervise the keeping of the books of the Corporation, and shall discharge such other duties as pertain to the office of secretary or as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

- d. **Treasurer:** The treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of the Corporation. He/she shall receive and safely keep all funds of the Corporation and under the control of the Board of Directors, and shall deposit such funds in any bank as may be designated by the Board of Directors as authorized to sign the same. He/she shall render to the President and to the Board of Directors, whenever they may require, accounts of all his/her transactions as treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation. He/she shall discharge such other duties as pertain to the office of the treasurer or as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

- e. The Board of Directors may also appoint and remove such other agents and employees of the Corporation as they may deem proper, and fix the duties and compensation of the same, and the Board

of Directors may delegate such power of appointment and removal and the power to fix the compensation of such other agents and employees to any officer of the Board of Directors.

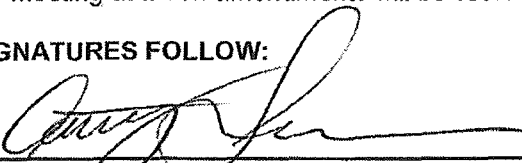
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ARTICLE VI
CORPORATE SEAL

The Corporation may, or may not, adopt a corporate seal.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed or new Bylaws adopted by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board of Directors provided that the proposition to repeal or amend these Bylaws or to adopt new or additional Bylaws shall be first submitted in writing to every member of the Board, at least ten (10) days before the meeting at which amendments will be voted upon.

SIGNATURES FOLLOW:



Anthony Simms, President



Linda Goode, ~~Vice President~~ Secretary & Treasurer



Francine Rienstra, Director and Founder *Vice President*



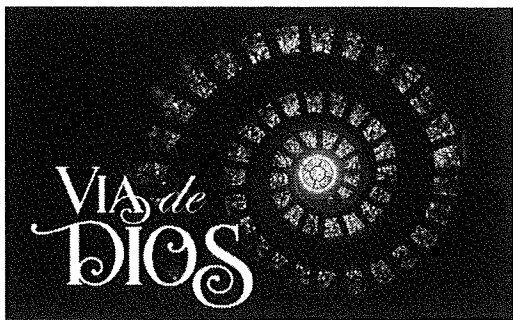
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- **Organization Name:** VIA DE DIOS
- **EIN:** 821808624
- **Tax Year:** 2025
- **Tax Year Start Date:** 01-01-2025
- **Tax Year End Date:** 12-31-2025
- **Submission ID:** 10215720260319441937
- **Filing Status Date:** 01-31-2026
- **Filing Status:** Accepted

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A Resource for You

Via de Dios

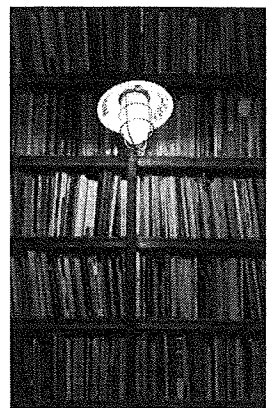
*Carrying out the Great Commission,
teaching Jesus' Prayer Practice*

Scripture tells us of Jesus withdrawing in solitude to pray. *Luke 5:16 But He would withdraw to desolate places and pray.* How He prayed and how He communicated with His Father is a lesson for us today of a practice that allows us to invite God into our very being. The history, tradition, and practice of this lost art of Silent Prayer called Contemplation was handed down through the ages from Christ Himself, teaching His disciples, who passed it down to their followers and so on. *Matt 6:6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

Contemplation became a vital part of monastic life of the monks, saints, and ascetics both men and women. The Ancient Desert Fathers and Mothers knew the value and benefits of praying in silence. The practice fell into obscurity from the middle ages and the reformation period, then to make a slow revival. Since the 1970's, attempts to bring Contemplation out of the monasteries to people who were seeking a deeper relationship with God gained interest.

Via de Dios was established specifically to teach this practice adapting it to the busy lifestyle to people of all ages. While keeping the sacred practice as was originally intended, our curricula includes several tools: scripture, various types of prayer, community service, church, participating in the sacraments, reading, training and commitment.

We provide classes that start with a slow process of learning the basics. People move through at their own pace and initially discover, experience and grow through life difficulties that inevitably come along the Way, while allowing God to soften the heart. This is a journey or a pilgrimage. The reward is a life imbued with God.



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Prayer & Generosity

You may have heard it said that prayer is not about getting God to give you things, but rather about softening our hearts to align our will to His. When we pray, we genuinely intercede for others as well as ourselves—wanting the very best for those we lift before the Lord.

When we pray, the Holy Spirit moves in us. We are asking God to act *with* us, *in* us, and *through* us as He wills. Prayer is not only about building a relationship with God—it is also the maturing of our faith. As we grow in our spirituality, our ability to surrender to God becomes more natural, our hearts become more open, and our lifestyle becomes more compassionate. It is here that the link between praying and generosity begins to take shape.

As we surrender, our motivation for giving out of selflessness is enhanced, and a deep cultivation of gratitude to God for all things becomes prominent. The awareness of our daily blessings naturally leads us to a desire for others to be blessed as well. Generosity, then, is not merely an act—it is the overflow of a heart that has spent time in the presence of God.

Ways to pray can be spoken, silent, sung, or by acting upon the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Integrating reflection on God throughout our daily tasks can be especially rewarding and a true expression

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of what it means to “pray without ceasing.” Becoming the people God meant us to be is itself an act of worship—and a blessing to the world around us.

Blessings

By Francine Grimaldi Rienstra

Edited by Jennifer Dellerman



Lovers of God

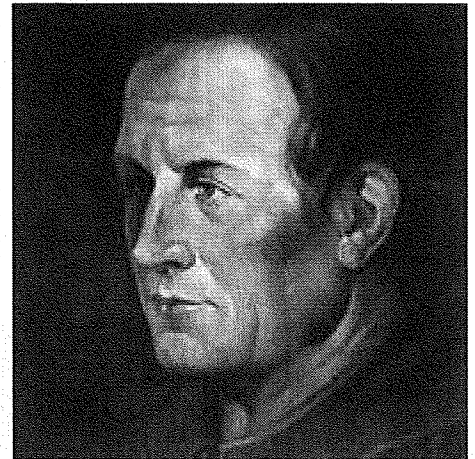
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Padre Eusebio Francisco Kino

Eusebio Francisco Kino (1645-1711) was born on August 10th, 1645, in what is now northern Italy, in a small mountain town called Segno (located not far from Trent). He was one of four siblings (had three sisters). His parents, Francesco Chini and Margherita Lucchi, had a farm and land on which they cultivated crops and livestock. He grew up learning from his father all the skills essential to working the land and caring for animals. At the age of 15, after the death of his father in 1660, the family farm and land was sold.

When he was still young his parents paid to have a tutor work with him privately and then sent him off a newly formed Jesuit school (called *gymnasio*) in Trent. Here he learned about languages, literature and science. Much of the proceeds of the sale of the family farm went to finance his continuing education at the college of Hall (in Austria), where he studied rhetoric and logic, and then he transferred for further studies in Friburg.

A cousin of his had served in China as a missionary and this apparently had pointed him toward learning science and mathematics, as these were basic requirements for being a candidate for missionary service in



the Orient. And so he had since a youth a strong interest in being a missionary. This aim was severely tested while he was in school at the college of Hall when he contracted an illness that nearly killed him. "The sickness drew from Kino one of his deep-down dreams – for he vowed that if his patron, St. Francis Xavier, would intercede for his recovery, he would enter the Society of Jesus [Jesuit Order]. His health returned and for the rest of his life Eusebio Kino valued his healing as a gift from God through the intercession of Xavier." (*KINO: A Legacy*, Polzer, p.2)

In 1667, then 20 years old, Kino entered the Jesuit Order, undergoing extensive training at Ingolstadt, and then later completing his academic training at University of Innsbruck. He still longed to go from Europe as a foreign missionary—particularly to China—and he made a request to be sent there. This request was turned down, and he again applied (1672). That too was turned down by his superiors. He then continued in his studies in theology, mathematics, geography, cartography and astronomy, while being directed to discern his vocation as a Jesuit. He was ordained a priest on June 12, 1667.



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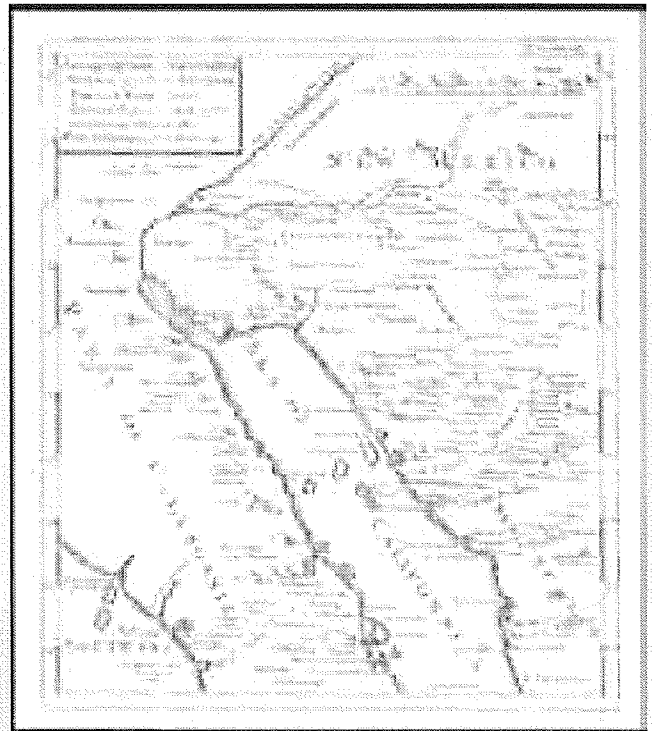
During this preparatory period he had made multiple requests and appeals to the superiors in the Jesuit Order to be considered for missions work but had not gotten any positive response, or any response at all. At about this time, his extraordinary talents and intellect were being noticed by many. He was even offered a teaching position in science and mathematics University of Innsbruck, which would have potentially set him up for a life in teaching and notoriety in European academic circles. Kino did not want this and continued to make appeals to Rome to be sent for foreign missions work.

Upon the sixth formal request Kino finally received an answer in 1678: He was to go serve as one of the missionary priests in the new Spanish controlled areas in America. While he did all he could to properly prepare for the sea voyage over to the Americas, his actual arrival ended up being delayed. The ships he and other Jesuit missionaries took to reach Spain, from which they would travel to the Americas, ended up being delayed (for multiple reasons). And thus he was unable to even book passage on another ship for two years! As was characteristic of him, he took advantage of the time during those years by throwing himself into “mastering Spanish, some Portuguese, teaching mathematics at the Jesuit colleges in Seville and Puerto Santa Maria, and making scientific instruments for use in the missions.” (*KINO: A Legacy*, Polzer, p.7)

After many delays and perplexing circumstances and waiting, Kino finally arrive in Mexico in 1681. Even upon his arrival he again had to wait for further clarification about the precise work he had been assigned to. Again, as was characteristic of him, he found interesting and constructive things to do while waiting for his orders. At this time there was man of some note, Don Carlos Sigüenza y Góngora, who had become famous in Mexico for a book he wrote explaining certain astronomical findings. At the request of friends, Kino did an analysis of this man’s work and wrote a book critiquing and correcting it (titled *Exposicion Astronomica*). Much to Góngora’s chagrin and annoyance, Kino published it in Mexico City, just before leaving on his first mission.

Kino’s missionary work thus began with attempts to found mission stations on what today is known as the Baja Peninsula (from 1682-1687). This area was then known as the Californias and it was popularly

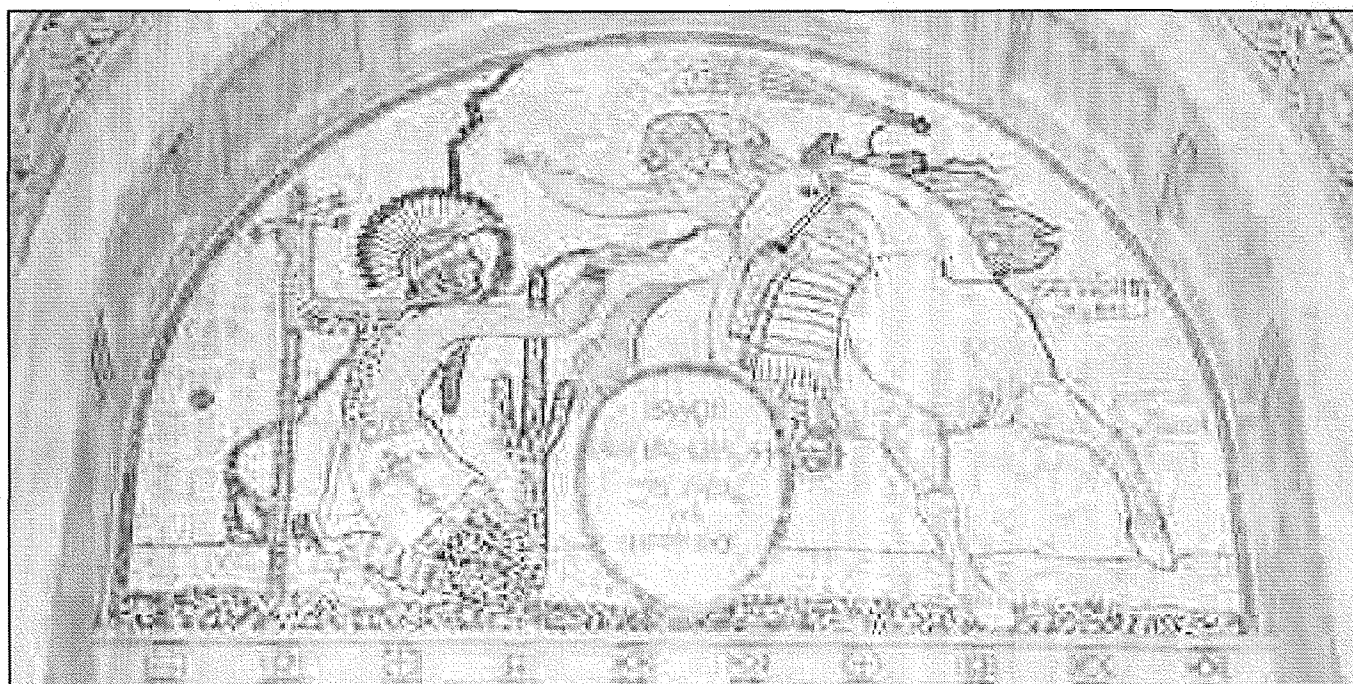
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A landmark 1705 map and report by Jesuit missionary Father Eusebio Francisco Kino, demonstrating that California was a peninsula, not an island. Based on his explorations from 1698 to 1701, it detailed the geography of the Southwestern US/Mexico, new Jesuit missions, and Indigenous tribes, overturning previous cartographic myths.

Source: California Map Society

Lovers of God



believed to be an island. Simply put, after several attempts, he was forced to recognize that establishing mission outposts there was unworkable because of the lack of natural resources and a lack of men and needed supplies from his superiors for yet one more attempt. And so in 1687 he had abandon these efforts and he received new orders to move North of Mexico City and establish mission stations among the native peoples living in what is today Northern Mexico and Southern Arizona (known at that time as “Primera Alta”). He would spend the remainder of his life (24 years) giving all he had to this mission work. Eventually he succeeded in establishing a string of 24 missions which later Roman Catholic missionaries (Franciscans) would utilize to further extend Roman Catholic mission work up into what today is California.

Padre Kino became known for many things—he was a faithful pastor and teacher of the Faith, an instructor and trainer of native peoples in improved agricultural methods, an innovator introducing cattle into the Southwest, an intrepid explorer and mapmaker, a peacemaker, and an energetic advocate for protecting the native peoples whom he sought to serve from unjust policies and practices from Spaniards in Mexico. He accomplished many extraordinary things in his time of service as a Jesuit missionary: Traveling thousands of miles on horseback (estimates range between 19,000 to 50,000 miles), mapping out for the first time this area of the world, and proving definitively that the Baja Peninsula was not an island but part of the mainland.

Padre Kino wrote a memoir detailing this missions work, entitled *Favores Celestiales*. He had tirelessly appealed for more missionary priests to come and expand upon the missions he had established. When such men were sent they were few and did not come close to meeting the urgent requests of the natives peoples

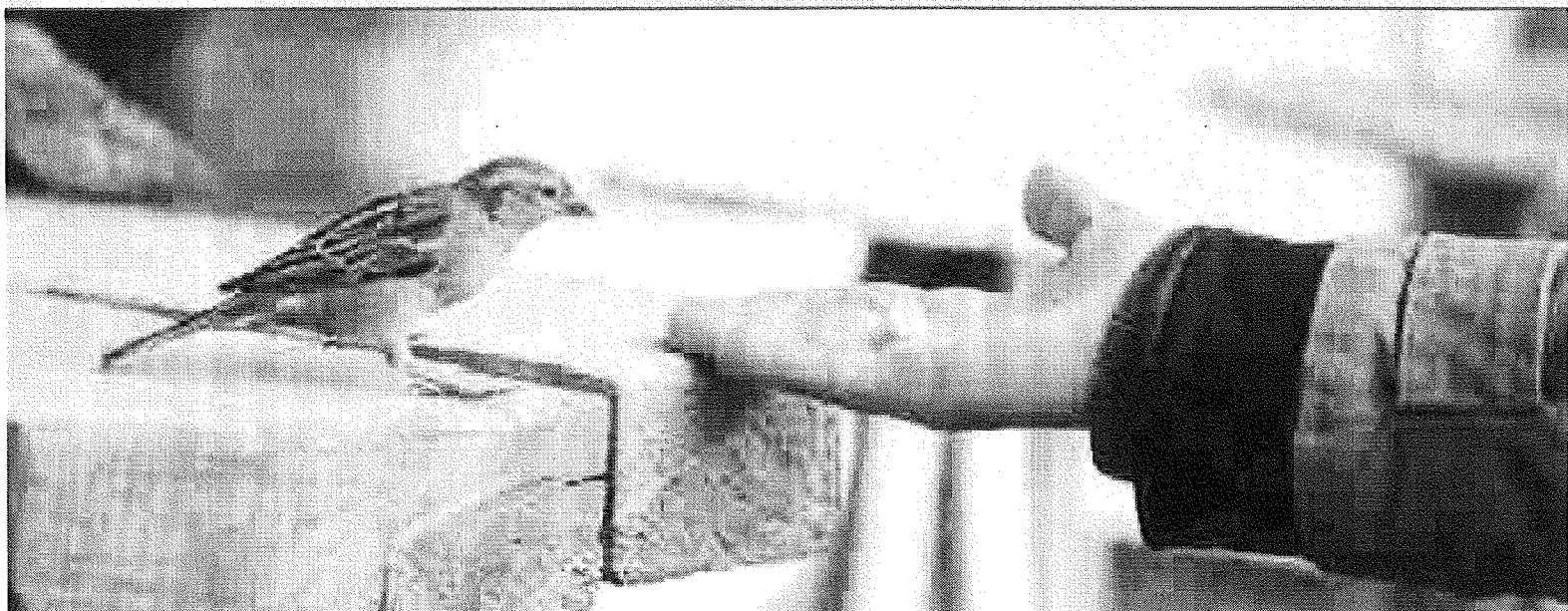
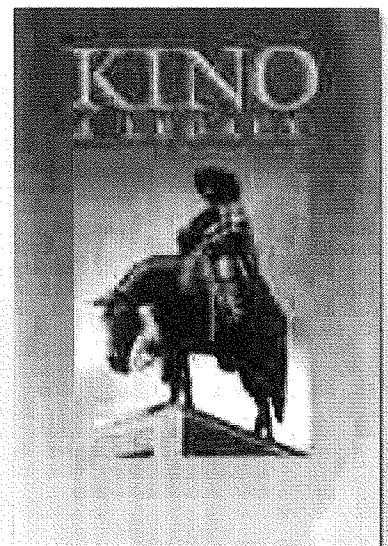
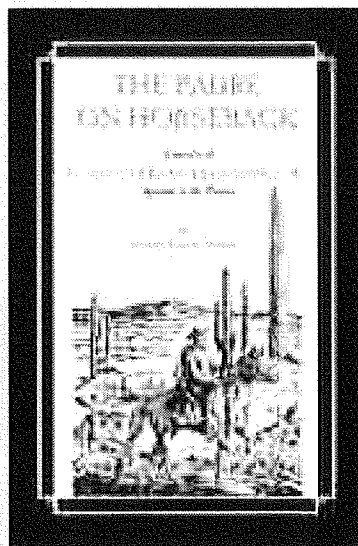
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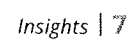
there. He endured severe and unjust criticism for his missionary labors from fellow Spaniards. "How this intensely apostolic man absorbed the blows of criticism and overcame the disappointments of constant opposition confounds one's comprehension. . . . His last great literary effort was a compelling plea for more missionaries for the thousands of abandoned souls in northwest New Spain. No one listened. No one came." (*KINO: A Legacy*, Polzer, p.91)

Padre Eusebio Kino died in 1711, after coming down with and suffering with a fever for four days. He was buried in what is today known as Magdalena de Kino, in Sonora, Mexico. On July 11th, 2020, he was declared Venerable by Pope Francis, and recognized for living a life characterized by heroic virtue.

Suggested Resources:

- *The Padre on Horseback: A Sketch of Eusebio Francisco Kino, S.J. Apostle to the Pimas*, Herbert Eugene Bolton (Bonhopa Books:2025)
- *KINO: A Legacy: His Life, His Works, His Missions, His Monuments*, Charles W. Polzer, S.J. (Jesuit Fathers of Southern Arizona: Tucson, AZ, 1998)
- Film: *The Father Kino Story* (1976)
- Film: *Padre Kino: The Legend of the Black Priest* (2005)





Happy Mother's Day

*To all Mothers, soon to be mothers,
Grandmas, and all those who take on
motherly tasks. Pet moms included!*

*May your special day honor your care,
nurturing, and love.*

News



Via de Dios' Founder and Executive Director, Francine Grimaldi Rienstra will be teaching in mid-May at OLLI [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute through the University of Arizona]. She will be offering beginning Classes in Contemplation.

OLLI serves as an extended educational program to Tucson and outlying areas. They recruit teachers with educational and experiential backgrounds who can provide their expertise to adults, offering the opportunity to teach a plethora of topics for personal growth.

Francine states, "This is Via de Dios' tenth year. God has been so good to us and continues to bring people who are seeking spiritual growth through this simple and practical way of nurturing their spiritual development. We are extending our reach into new areas of people who have never heard of this marvelous practice. We are thankful for the support given us from our Board, Staff, Teachers, Group Leaders, Students, Associates and Generous Donors."



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FREE, Contemplation 100 & 101. They are meant to help with understanding Contemplation/Silent Prayer what it is, and the basics for practicing it on your own and/or in a group. This is a recurring monthly series and is **FREE**. Series every Thursdays, 3:30–4:30 pm:



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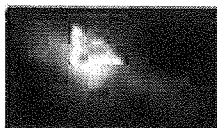
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This class is the follow-up to the 100 class. It is an overview of the Practice of Contemplation and uses the book of “Practicing the Presence” of God by Brother Lawrence, great for beginners and for anyone who wants a refresher. We will also be introducing another study book: The Soul at Rest by Tricia McCary Rhodes. This book is an excellent step by step guide of methods of prayer and meditation.



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Jesus' Prayer Practice Contemplation 101

Learn from the Master Himself, Jesus tells us prayer, how He communicated with His Father. Learn the history, traditions and practices of this most art of silent prayer that was handed down through the ages from Christ Himself to teaching His disciples (Mark 6:7) to Mary Magdalene, James, and others. Last but not least, 100 pages, this practice book reads a revelation. The Ancient Jesus' Prayers and Mothers know the value of praying in silence. This well worn in these 100 pages contains the position, posture and significance it can make in your life in ways you could never imagine.

Many people are discovering not only the benefits of practicing independently, but in participating in community groups that reinforce a way of life which equips peaceful actions.

Portions of the Presence by Brother Lawrence will be the suggested reading. You'll have a chance to discuss, practice and learn what Contemplation is and why it is so important in our lives. These classes are offered through the Ministry of Contemplative Spirituality, a "presence" supported by Via de Dios to nurture "Awareness" for students using the Ignatian Journey or Ignatian spirituality to experiencing God.

We will also introduce another study book, *The Soul at Rest* by Tricia McCary Rhodes. This book is an excellent guide for understanding how silent prayer would be experienced the many challenges we encounter along the path.

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"Charity is a virtue which, when our affections are perfectly ordered, unites us to God. For by it we love him."

~ Saint Augustine of Hippo

"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving."

~ Amy Carmichael

"The value of a man resides in what he gives and not in what he is capable of receiving."

~ Albert Einstein

"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare."

~ C.S. Lewis

"The measure of all love is its giving. The measure of the love of God is the cross of Christ."

~ J. I. Packer

"God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with."

~ Billy Graham

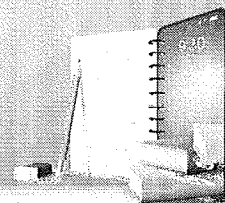
"If a man is proud of his wealth, he should not be praised until it is known how he employs it."

~ Socrates

"What makes the Dead Sea dead? Because it is all the time receiving, never giving out anything. Why is it that many Christians are cold? Because they are all the time receiving, never giving out anything."

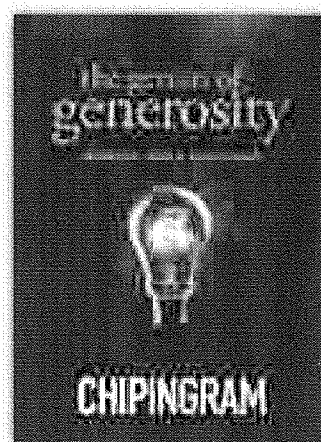
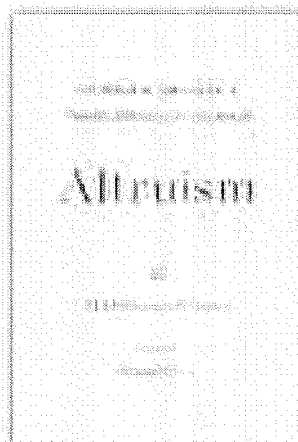
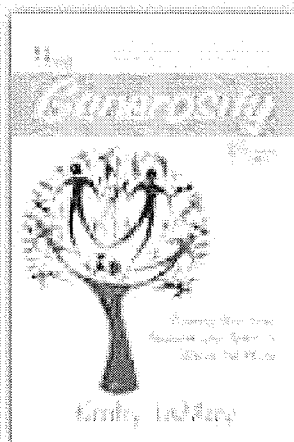
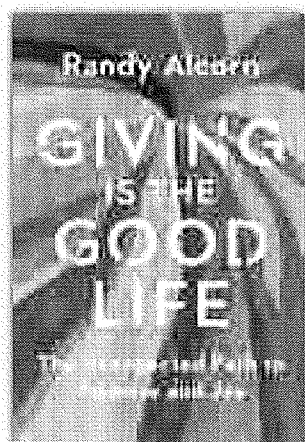
~ D.L. Moody

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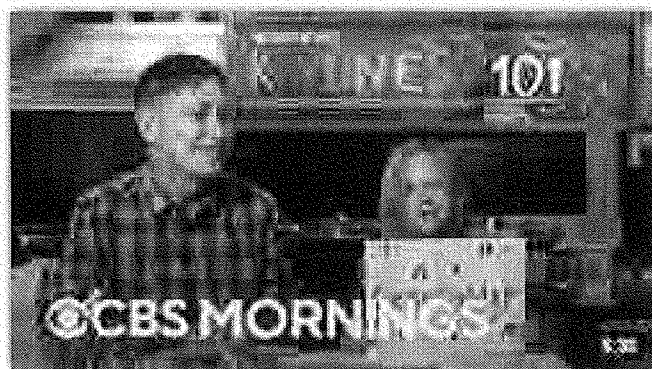


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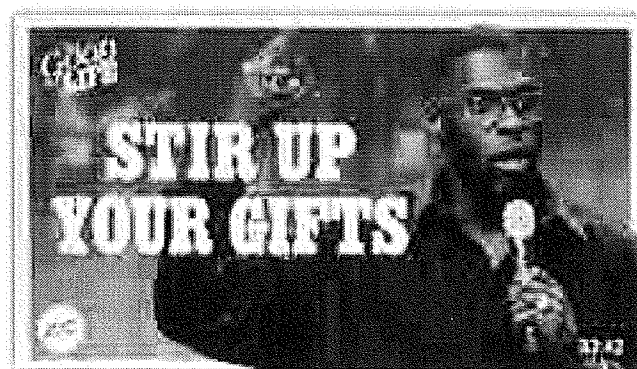
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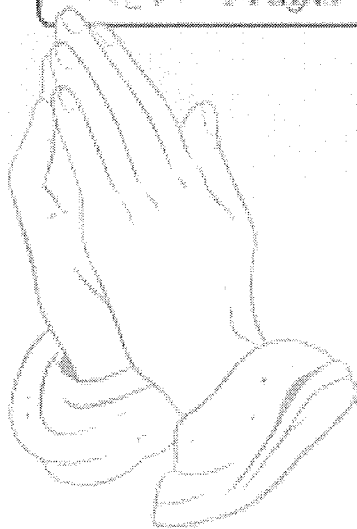
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Prayer



Each month *Insights* will be featuring a theme or topic. Our prayers will be focused on that particular topic. This month the topic is "Prayer & Generosity." Will you pray the following?

A Prayer of Generous Hearts

Heavenly Father,

You are the Source of every good and perfect gift — the Giver of life, of breath, of grace beyond measure. We come before You with hands open wide, remembering that You have placed in each of us two hands: one to receive with, and the other to give with.

Forgive us, Father, for the times we have become like a sea that only receives and never gives — growing cold, growing still, growing lifeless in our faith. Stir us from complacency, and remind us that it is not what we are capable of receiving, but what we are willing to give, that reveals the truest measure of who we are.

And when the temptation comes to take pride in what we possess, remind us, Lord, that the question that matters is never *how much do we have*, but *how faithfully do we steward it*? May our lives be a living answer to that question — not monuments to what we accumulated, but testimonies to what we gave away.

Lead us past what is merely comfortable, into the wide and joyful country of sacrificial love. For it is there — in the giving — that we find You.

In the name of Jesus Christ, who gave everything,
Amen.

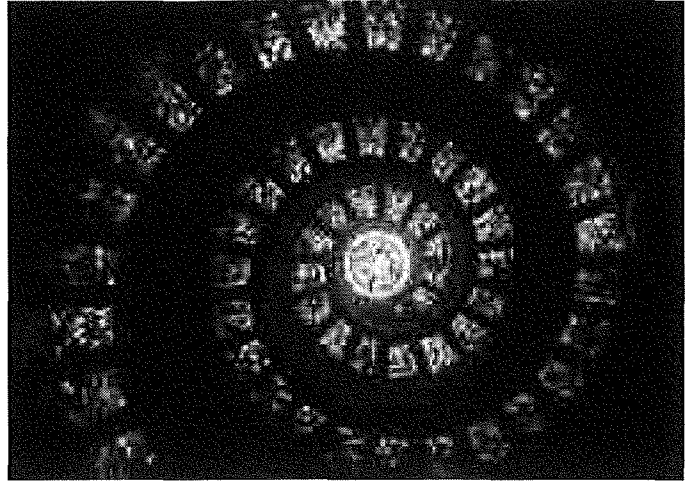
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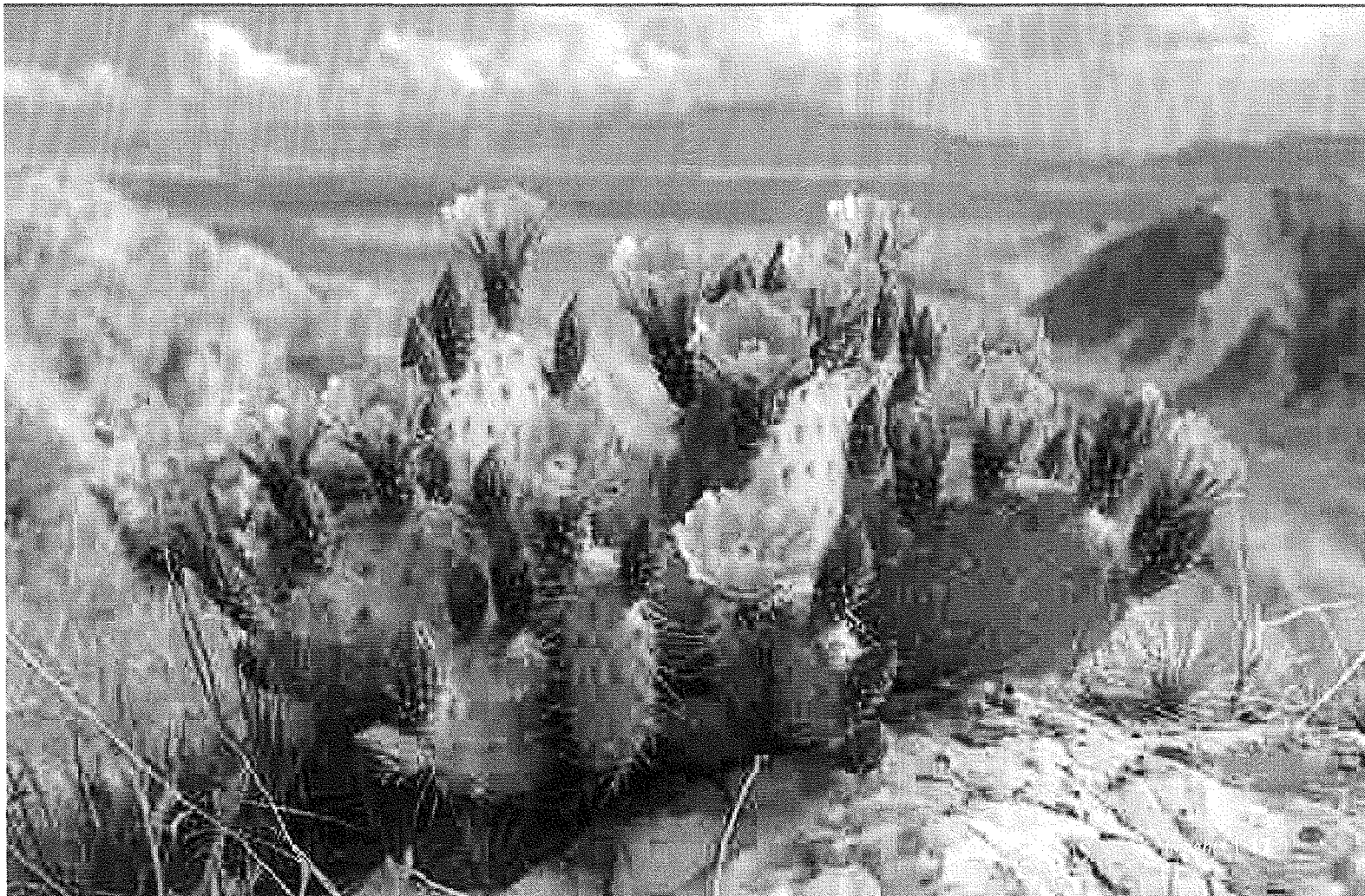
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*Be Still
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that I am God*

Psalms 46:10

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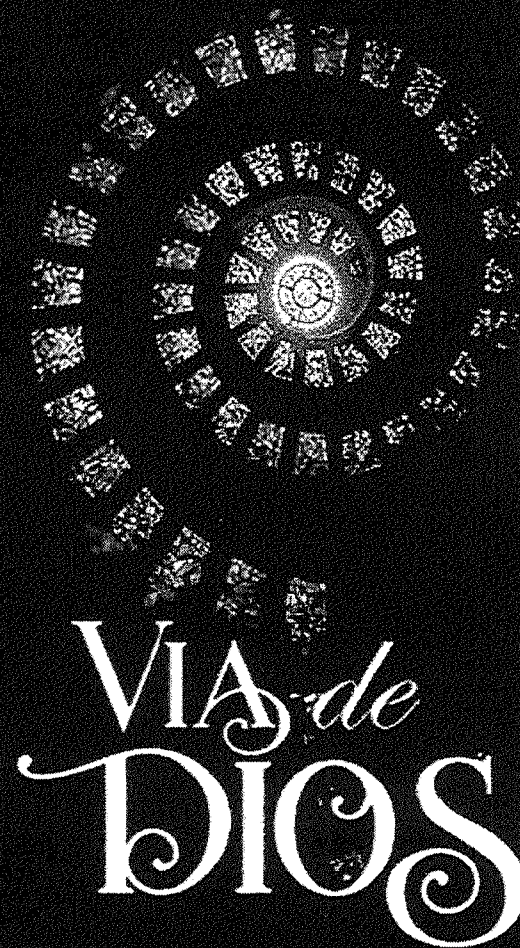
**Show me the right path, O Lord;
point out the road for me to follow.**

Psalms 25:4

The Importance of Seeking God The Spiritual Journey

When you Seek God,
You See God everywhere.
The Holy Spirit builds a fire of desire
in your heart to have a relationship
with Him and
He desires a relationship with you.
You become aware of His presence.
He transforms your heart and you
begin to experience God in a way
you've never experienced Him
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Bringing the Contemplative Prayer Lifestyle to everyday folks.

The Need

There are many spiritual seekers in need of answers and strategies for improving their lives: physically, mentally and spiritually; those who are disenfranchised, disengaged, and dissatisfied with religious organizations. Those who say: I am not fulfilled with the church [whatever moniker]. I don't have a depth of relationship and experience with God.

The Result

These individuals and families that don't belong to a religious community, that don't "know" God, that don't truly experience God and don't have a purpose in life, end up living unfulfilled chaotic lives.

About Via de Dios

Via de Dios was initially organized in October of 2016 as a resource for spiritual seekers needing answers & strategies for improving lives; physically, mentally, & spiritually. Our IRS filing as a nonprofit organization was approved in June of 2017. We offered support to help navigate life's journey to those seeking God through training the Contemplative Lifestyle in an educational and practical format.



OUR NAME: Via de Dios means "Way of God" in Spanish. Since the center is in a city that was historically developed with Spanish cultural influence, it was appropriate to honor God in this city of Tucson with a Spanish name.

OUR LOGO: The Spiral represents our Spiritual Journey. We are a myriad of colors and ethnicities coming together as God's creation with the goal of a deep relationship with Him. We are learning to walk one steppingstone at a time, with Christ's help. We ask, seek and knock as we experience transformation, caring for and loving others, as God loves us unconditionally and infinitely.

A RESOURCE FOR YOU

Carrying out the Great Commission, teaching Jesus' Prayer Practice

Scripture tells us of Jesus withdrawing in solitude to pray. "But He would withdraw to desolate places and pray." (Luke 5:16)

How He prayed and how He communicated with His Father is a lesson for us today of a practice that allows us to invite God into our very being. The history, tradition, and practice of this lost art of Silent Prayer called Contemplation was handed down through the ages from Christ Himself teaching His disciples, who passed it down to their followers and so on. "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is

unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. (Matt 6:6)

Through the Institute of Contemplative Studies, a school for the development of beginners to the mature "Aspirelings", Virtues are affirmed, skills are learned, purpose is discovered & life is transformed by God.

Contemplation became a vital part of monastic life of the monks, saints, and ascetics, both men and women. The Desert Fathers and Mothers knew the value and benefits of praying in silence. The practice fell into obscurity, especially during and after the Reformation period. During the twentieth century there has been renewed interest in this practice. And since the 1960's, attempts were made to bring Contemplation out of the monasteries to people seeking a deeper relationship with God. Via de Dios was established specifically to teach this practice and adapt it to the busy lifestyle of people of all ages. While keeping the sacred practice as was originally intended, our curricula encourages reading Scripture, various types of prayer, community service, church participation, studying Christian books, training in virtue and commitment to walking with the Holy Spirit.

We provide classes that start with a slow process of learning the basics. People move through at their own pace and initially discover, experience and grow through life difficulties that inevitably come along the Way, while allowing God to soften the heart. This is a journey or a pilgrimage. The reward is a life imbued with God.

Commercial Lease Agreement

THIS LEASE dated this 5 day of May, 2025

BY AND BETWEEN:

Grimaldi Enterprises LLC
Francine Rienstra, 7751 E Marquise Dr, Tucson AZ 85715
(520) 954-1811
(Landlord)

AND

Juan Medina

The Parties agree as follows:

Definitions:

431 E- 35th St
Tucson AZ 85713
520-808-1681

trinitylife31@gmail.com

- Office Space in the "building" located at: 3615 N Prince Village Pl #101, Tucson, AZ 85719
- "Common Areas and Facilities" those lands, areas, buildings, improvements, facilities, utilities, equipment and installations which serve or are for the useful benefit of the Building, the tenants of the Building or the Landlord and those having business with them, whether or not located within, adjacent to or near the Building and which are designated from time to time by the Landlord as part of the Common Areas and Facilities
- "Premises" the office space in the building at 3615 N Prince Village Pl #101 comprised of 156 sq ft./ 12x13.
- "Rent" means the Base Rent

Leased Premises:

- The tenant who will be conducting in such premises as its principal business, the services of: biblical counseling, spirituality, + Christian unity

Term:

- The term of the Lease commences at 12:00 am May 5, 2025 and ends at 12:00 am on May 5, 2028 (the "Term"). This is a 3 year lease.
- Notwithstanding that the Term commences on May 5, 2025, the Tenant is entitled to possession of the Premises at 12:00 noon on May 5, 2028.

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Rent:

- Subject to the provisions of this Lease, the Tenant will pay a base rent of \$ 300.00, payable per month, for the Premises (the "Base Rent").
- In addition to the Base Rent, the Tenant will pay for any fees or taxes arising from the Tenant's business.
- The Tenant will pay the Base Rent on or before the first of each and every month of the Term to the Landlord.

Quiet Enjoyment

- The Landlord covenants that on paying the Rent and performing the covenants contained in this Lease, the Tenant will peacefully and quietly have, hold, and enjoy the Premises for the agreed term.

Tenant Improvements

- The Tenant will obtain written permission from the Landlord before doing any of the following:
1. painting, wallpapering, flooring, redecorating or in any way significantly altering the appearance of the Premises;
 2. removing or adding walls, or performing any structural alterations;
 3. changing the amount of heat or power normally used on the Premises as well as installing additional electrical wiring;
 4. subject to this Lease, placing or exposing or allowing to be placed or exposed anywhere inside or outside the Premises any placard, notice or sign for advertising or any other purpose;
 5. affixing to or erecting upon or near the Premises any radio or TV antenna or tower, or satellite dish; or
 6. installing or affixing upon or near the Premises any plant, equipment, machinery or apparatus without the Landlord's prior consent.

Utilities and Other Costs:

- The Landlord is responsible for the payment of the following utilities and other charges in relation to the Premises: electricity, water, sewer, internet/wifi.

Insurance:

- The Tenant is hereby advised and understands that the personal property of the Tenant is not insured by the Landlord for either damage or loss, and the Landlord assumes no liability for any such loss. The Tenant is advised that, if insurance coverage is desired by the Tenant, the Tenant should inquire of Tenant's insurance agent regarding a Tenant's policy of insurance.

Care and Use of Premises

- The Tenant will promptly notify the Landlord of any damage, or of any situation that may significantly interfere with the normal use of the Premises.
- Vehicles which the Landlord reasonably considers unsightly, noisy, dangerous, improperly insured, inoperable or unlicensed are not permitted in the Tenant's parking stall(s), and such vehicles may be towed away at the Tenant's expense. Parking facilities are provided at the Tenant's own risk. The Tenant is required to park in only the space allotted to them.
- The Tenant will not make (or allow to be made) any noise or nuisance which, in the reasonable opinion of the Landlord, disturbs the comfort or convenience of other tenants.
- The Tenant will not engage in any illegal trade or activity on or about the Premises.
- The Landlord and Tenant will comply with standards of health, sanitation, fire, housing and safety as required by law.

Hazardous Materials:

- The Tenant will not keep or have on the Premises any article or thing of a dangerous, flammable, or explosive character that might unreasonably increase the danger of fire on the Premises or that might be considered hazardous by any responsible insurance company.

General Provisions:

- Time is of the essence in this Lease.
- Included with the Base Rent in the Common Areas and use of:
 1. Kitchen
 2. Conference room [Must be scheduled in advance]
 3. Library
 4. Event Rooms [Must be scheduled in advance]
 5. Utilities
 6. Property Taxes and Fees
 7. Internet / Wifi

Juan Medina

(Tenant)

Francine Grimaldi Rienstra
Francine Grimaldi Rienstra (Landlord)



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

CENTER OF THE HEART OF JESUS
C/O JUAN MEDINA
3615 N PRINCE VILLAGE PL STE 101
TUCSON, AZ 85719

Date: 08/29/2025
Employer ID number: 39-2611126
Person to contact: Name: Bisi Oyesile
ID number: 1132707
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending: December 31
Public charity status: 509(a)(2)
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required: Yes
Effective date of exemption: June 10, 2025
Contribution deductibility: Yes
Addendum applies: No
DLN: 26053567002205

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin
Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

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Articles of Incorporation
of
Center of the Heart of Jesus
(An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation)

1. **Entity Name.** The name of the corporation is: **Center of the Heart of Jesus.**
2. **Purpose.** This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
3. **Character of Affairs.** The corporation shall act as a religious charitable organization. The character of affairs of the corporation will be to provide a center for fostering unity and spiritual well-being among all followers of Jesus. The practices of this center will involve research and sharing spiritual knowledge and practices of all Christian Churches, developing relationships across divisions and fostering shared spiritual experiences, spiritual well-being and growth through biblical counseling and spiritual direction, and the practices of intentional community. The corporation will continue to seek and foster unity among all followers of Jesus and emphasize spiritual well-being.
4. **Net Earnings.** No part of the net earning of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, 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 Code Section 501(c)(3) (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or: (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Code section 170(c)(2), 2055(a)(2) 2522(a)(2).
5. **Dissolution.** Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such

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organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

6. **Known Place of Business.** The stress address of the known place of business of the Corporation: 3615 N Prince Village Pl #101, Tucson, AZ 85719

7. **Statutory Agent.** Juan Medina, 431 E. 35th St, Tucson, AZ 85713

8. **Board of Directors.** The initial board of directors shall consist of at least three (3) director(s), The name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) who is(are) to serve as the director(s) until the first annual meeting of the members, if a member corporation, or Board of Directors, if the corporation has no members, or until his(her)(their) successor(s) is(are) elected and qualifies is:

Juan Medina
431 E. 35th St
Tucson, AZ 85713

Dave Drum
8941 E Baker St
Tucson, AZ 85710

John Smith
4716 W Cepa Ln
Tucson, AZ 85741

Israel Chaffin
2320 Valley Edge Cove
Cordova, TN 38016

The number of persons to serve on the board of directors shall be fixed by the Bylaws.

10. **Incorporators.**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Juan Medina
431 E. 35th St
Tucson, AZ 85713

All powers, duties and responsibilities of the incorporators shall cease at the time of delivery of these Articles of Incorporation to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

11. **Indemnification of Officers, Directors, Trustees and Members.** Pursuant to A.R.S 10-3850 through and including Section 10-3858, or any successor provision, the personal liability of the directors, officers Trustees or Members of the Corporation for money damages for breach of fiduciary duty is eliminated to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Neither this provision nor any other provision in these articles eliminate or limit the liability of a trustee for any of the following:

- (a) Intentional infliction of harm on the Corporation.
- (b) Acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law.

- (c) A violation of A.R.S. 10-3833, or any successor provision (issuance of shares of stock and distribution of income or profits to members, directors or officers is prohibited).
- (d) A violation of A.R.S. 10-3864 or any successor provision thereof (director conflicts of interest).

Pursuant to A.R.S. 10-3842, or any successor provision, no trustee shall have any civil liability for any act or omission resulting in damage or injury if undertaken in good faith, unless the damage or injury was caused by willful or wanton or grossly negligent conduct of such person. The terms "director" or "trustee" includes those persons who serve on a board or council of the corporation and in an advisory capacity.

10. Limitation of Liability. The indemnification of members, directors, officers, employees and agents of a corporation shall be governed in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) A corporation shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a member, director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement or conviction or upon a plea of no contest or its equivalent shall not by itself create a presumption that the person acted or failed to act other than in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.
- (b) A corporation shall have power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a member, director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a member, director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses, including attorney fees, but excluding judgments and fines, and, except as hereinafter set forth, amounts paid in settlement, actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, if he or she acted or failed to act, in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification may be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably

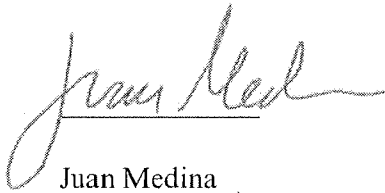
entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem application that, in view of all circumstances of the case, indemnity for the amounts paid in settlement is proper and may order indemnity for the amounts so paid in settlement and for the expenses, including attorney fees, actually and reasonably paid in connection with such application, to the extent the court deems proper.

- (c) The extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorney fees, actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therein.
- (d) Any indemnification under paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, unless ordered by a court, shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of a member, director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection. Such determination shall be made by any of the following:
 - (1) By the board of directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to the action, suit or proceeding.
 - (2) If such quorum is not obtainable, in a written opinion of independent legal counsel appointed by a majority of the disinterested directors for that purpose.
 - (3) If there are no disinterested directors, by the court or other body before which the action, suit or proceeding was brought or any court of competent jurisdiction upon the approval of an application by any person seeking indemnification, in which case indemnification may include the expenses, including attorney fees, actually and reasonably paid in connection with such application.
- (e) Expenses, including attorney fees, incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of the action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay the amount if it is ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this subsection.
- (f) The indemnification and other benefits provided by this subsection or otherwise provided by law are not exclusive of any other rights to which those benefited may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of members or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office.

12. MEMBERS (Check One): The Corporation will not have members.

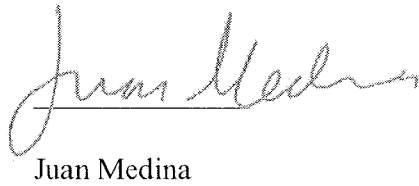
Executed this June 3, 2025

Incorporator



Juan Medina

Acceptance of Appointment by Statutory Agent



Juan Medina

Center of the Heart of Jesus Bylaws

June 3, 2025

**3615 N Prince Village Pl #101
Tucson, AZ 85719**

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Center of the Heart of Jesus Bylaws

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be Center of the Heart of Jesus.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

Section 1. Nonprofit Purpose

This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2. Specific Purpose

The purpose of this Corporation is uniting the body of Christ to visibly live out Jesus' desire for unity.

ARTICLE III: OUR BELIEFS AND STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We seek to hold common beliefs as followers of Jesus (Yeshua) recognizing the diversity that marks the body of Christ. We believe that there are diverse ways to honor the Lord as Paul explained in Romans 14.
- We hold to the general meaning of the faith expressed through the first Christian unity council of Nicaea with the Nicene Creed*. We understand that the form of faith in the Nicene Creed can be expressed in diverse and contemporary language. The content of faith is expressed in the following words:
 - We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
 - We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]**. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

- We believe in one holy catholic*** and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
- *Many Catholic, Reformed, Orthodox, and Messianic believers all confess the basic belief system of the Nicene Creed. ** This phrase in brackets acknowledges followers of Jesus in the Eastern Churches, who usually do not include the phrase "and the Son" in their version of the Nicene Creed. *** The common understanding of the word "catholic" refers to the universal body of believers and is not limited to the Roman Catholic Church.
- We believe that in John 17, Yeshua explicitly expressed his desire for the unity of his followers. Accordingly, we believe that Holy Spirit calls some believers to embody and live out this desire in a visible manner for the benefit of the whole body of the Messiah.
- We believe that to live out visible unity requires God's grace and human cooperation. God's grace signifies that unity is ultimately God's work. Human cooperation refers to responding and cooperating to God's grace, and the necessary humility and openness to embrace the full richness of the life of the Spirit in every generation and community of believers. This includes honoring all streams or church traditions in the body of Christ that is the Church.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

This corporation does not have members.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. General Powers

Oversight of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have final control of and be responsible for the management of the affairs and property of the Corporation. The Board of Directors will follow "policy governance" which will be written in a document called Center of the Heart of Jesus Board of Directors Policy Governance.

Section 2. Number, Tenure, Requirements, and Qualifications

The number of Directors shall be fixed from time-to-time by the Directors but shall consist of no less than four (4) including the following officers: President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The members of the Board of Directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

The Founder/Executive Director shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors. Board members by a vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members of the Board of

Directors may dismiss the Founder/Executive Director for an identified specific matter (i.e., salary review, evaluation, etc.).

All members of the Board of Directors must be approved by a majority vote of the members present and voting. No vote on new members of the Board of Directors shall be held unless a quorum of the Board of Directors is present.

Newly elected members of the Board of Directors who have not served before shall serve initial one-year terms. At the conclusion of the initial one-year term, members of the Board of Directors may serve additional two-year terms.

Each member of the Board of Directors shall attend at least two-thirds (2/3) of Board meetings in a calendar year.

Each member of the Board of Directors must hold to the general meaning of the Statement of Faith, be a member of a church community, and be open to diverse streams in the body of Christ.

Section 3. Regular Meetings

The Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place, for the holding of regular meetings of the Board. Notice of these meetings shall be sent to all members of the Board of Directors no less than five (5) days prior to the meeting date. Remote attendance is considered attendance and counted in the quorum.

Section 4. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two members of the Board of Directors. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least two (2) days in advance of the meeting by telephone, facsimile or electronic methods or by written notice.

Section 5. Quorum

The presence, in person or remotely via phone, video or other digital method, of a majority (51%) of current members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary at any meeting to constitute a quorum to transact business, but a lesser number shall have power to adjourn to a specified later date without notice. The act of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these Bylaws.

Section 6. Forfeiture

Any member of the Board of Directors who fails to fulfill any of his or her requirements as set forth in Section 2 of this Article by December 31 shall automatically forfeit his or her seat on the Board.

Section 7. Vacancies

Vacancies may be filled according to specific methods approved by the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Compensation

Members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services as Directors, nor be required to contribute financially to the Corporation.

Section 9. Informal Action by Directors

Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing (print, digital and electronic), setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by two-thirds (2/3) of all of the Directors following notice of the intended action to all members of the Board of Directors.

Section 10. Confidentiality

Directors shall not discuss or disclose information about the Corporation or its activities to any person or entity unless such information is already a matter of public knowledge, such person or entity has a need to know, or the disclosure of such information is in furtherance of the Corporation's purposes, or can reasonably be expected to benefit the Corporation. Directors shall use discretion and good business judgment in discussing the affairs of the Corporation with third parties. Without limiting the foregoing, Directors may discuss upcoming fundraisers, sponsored events, the purposes and functions of the Corporation.

Section 11. Removal

Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed with or without cause, at any time, by a vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors if in their judgment the best interests of the Corporation would be served thereby. Each member of the Board of Directors must receive written notice of the proposed removal at least ten (10) days in advance of the proposed action. An officer who has been removed as a member of the Board of Directors shall automatically be removed from office.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

The officers of this Board shall be the President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers must have the status of active members of the Board.

Section 1. President

The President shall preside at all meetings **when present** of the Board of Directors and shall, with the Founder/Executive Director form the meeting agenda.

Section 2. Secretary

The Secretary shall record all votes and minutes of all proceedings, report them to all Board members and archive the minutes, or assure that a staff member is present to do the same. Assisted by a staff member, he/she shall send notices of all meetings to the members of the Board of Directors and shall take reservations for the meetings. He/She

shall perform all official correspondence from the Board of Directors as may be prescribed by the Board officers or Founder/Executive Director.

Section 3. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall present a complete and accurate report of the finances at each Board of Directors meeting. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to assist in direct audits of the funds. He/She will follow funding source guidelines (if applicable) and generally accepted accounting principles.

Section 4. Election of Officers

Officers are elected before the end of December and shall serve a term of one (1) year, commencing at the next meeting. Officers shall be eligible to succeed themselves in their respective offices.

Section 5. Removal of Officer

The Board of Directors may remove any officer of the Board and elect a successor for the unexpired term. A three-fourths (3/4) vote is required to remove an officer. No officer of the Board of Directors shall be expelled without an opportunity to be heard, and notice of such motion of expulsion shall be given to the member in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which motion shall be presented, setting forth the reasons of the Board for such expulsion.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

The Board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, public relations, data collection, executive committee, finance committee, etc. The Board chair appoints all committee chairs.

ARTICLE VIII: CORPORATE STAFF

Section 1: Founder/Executive Director

The Board of Directors shall hire a Founder/Executive Director who shall serve at the will of the Board. The Founder/Executive Director shall have immediate and overall supervision of the operations of the Corporation, and shall direct the day-to-day business of the Corporation, maintain the properties of the Corporation, hire, discharge, and determine the salaries and other compensation of all staff members under the Founder/Executive Director's supervision, and perform such additional duties as may be directed by the Board of Directors.

The Founder/Executive Director may be hired at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote and shall serve until removed by the Board of Directors upon an affirmative vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members present at any meeting of the Board Directors. Such removal may be with or without cause. Nothing herein shall confer any compensation or other rights on any Founder/Executive Director, who shall remain an employee terminable at will, as provided in this Section.

ARTICLE IX: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of the Center of the Heart of Jesus Conflict of Interest Policy is to protect this tax-exempt Corporation's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or Director of the Corporation or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Section 2. Procedures

Every member of the Board of Directors will read and sign the Center of the Heart of Jesus Conflict of Interest Policy and the Secretary will record compliance.

ARTICLE X: INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. General

To the full extent authorized under the laws of the State of Arizona, the Corporation shall indemnify any Director, officer, employee, or agent, or former Director, officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation, or any person who may have served at the Corporation's request as a Director or officer of another corporation (each of the foregoing members, Directors, officers, employees, agents, and persons is referred to in this Article individually as an "Indemnitee"), against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by such Indemnitee in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which that Indemnitee is made a party by reason of being or having been such Director, officer, employee, or agent, except in relation to matters as to which that Indemnitee shall have been adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of a duty. The foregoing indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which Indemnitee may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, resolution of the Board of Directors, or otherwise.

Section 2. Expenses

Expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit, or proceeding, if authorized by the Board of Directors, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder.

Section 3. Insurance

The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a member, Director, officer, employee, or agent against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of

such person's status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power or obligation to indemnify such person against such liability under this Article.

ARTICLE XI: BOOKS AND RECORDS

The Corporation shall keep complete books and records of accounts and minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors. The end of the fiscal year shall be December 31.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

The Board of Directors may amend these Bylaws by a majority vote at any regular or special meeting. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or summary of the changes to be effected thereby shall be given to each Director within the time and manner provided for the giving of notice of meetings of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII: PROPERTY

The property of the Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes. No part of the property of this Corporation shall ever tenure to, or for the benefit of, or be distributable to its partners, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distribution in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which said Corporation was formed.

ARTICLE XIV: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.



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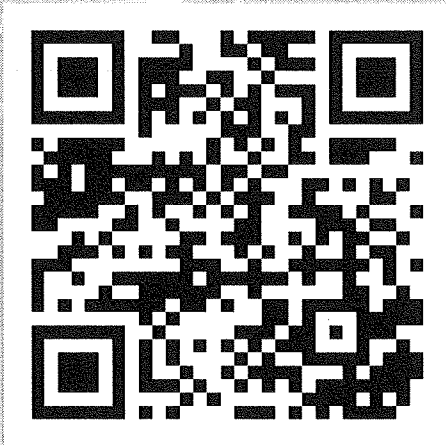
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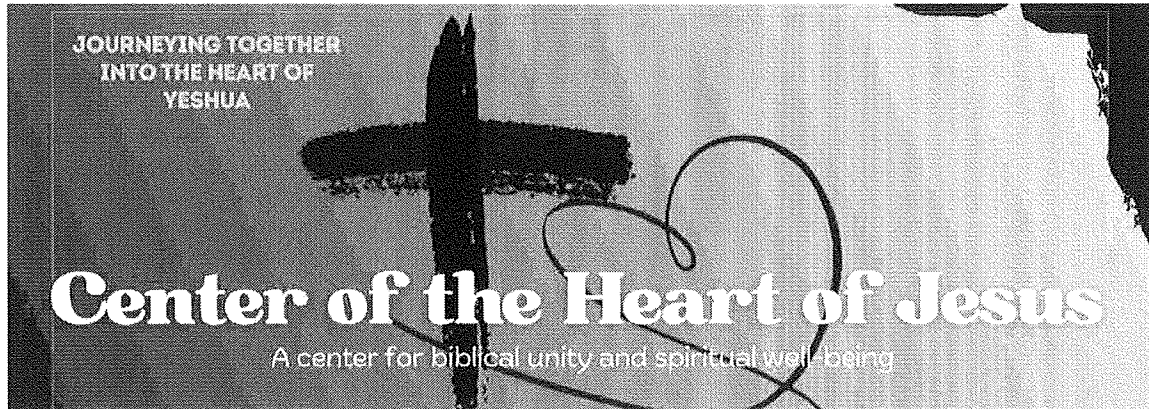
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Monthly Newsletter

February 2026



Beloved friends and family in the Lord!

We would like to begin by expressing our sincerest gratitude to all who continue to walk with us—through this newsletter, our podcast, and your shared relationship with us in the Lord. I'm reminded of a bishop who once encouraged us to "think mustard seed," a gentle reminder that the Kingdom of God often grows slowly and steadily. In that same spirit, thanks to your generosity the work of CHJ continues to take root and grow—steadily, faithfully, and in God's time, like a mustard seed.

Unity Calendar

As we continue to grow in partnership and shared mission, we are pleased to introduce a new resource designed to strengthen our connection across the multitude of Messiah's followers.

The unity calendar highlights the major celebrations and seasons observed by the various communities in the Lord. These communities include Messianic Jews, the Orthodox Churches, the Catholic Church, as well as others. Messianic believers observe seven biblical holy days outlined in Leviticus. Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate twelve Great Feasts, not including Pascha (Easter), which stands apart as the central and all-encompassing feast. The Coptic Orthodox tradition recognizes seven major feasts, while Roman Catholics observe six holy days of obligation. In general, Western churches after the Reformation continue to follow the major seasons of the Christian year, though each community expresses these seasons in its own way.

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February Highlights

Monday, February 2 marks the close of the 40-day season celebrating the Messiah's birth. The next major season is the preparation for the Lord's Resurrection—known as Lent, Great Lent, or the Great Holy Fast. The Coptic Church begins this preparation on Monday, February 16. Roman Catholics and many Western churches follow with Ash Wednesday on February 18. Finally, the Eastern Orthodox begin their preparation on Monday, February 23. As you look ahead, how do you and your faith community prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord in 2026?

Believe Unity Seminar

By God's grace, CHJ will host its first online gathering—a free seminar (flyer on next page) that will prayerfully explore two essential dimensions of the ecumenical movement: interior conversion and global fellowship. For anyone whom the Holy Spirit is stirring to live out Jesus' desire for our unity, intentional formation becomes essential. Formation helps us grow in the Spirit's way of working—so that we can welcome the new initiatives the Holy Spirit inspires, embrace fresh approaches, and move with the Spirit's freedom, creativity, and power rather than relying on our own strength or agendas. Both the World Council of Churches and the Catholic Church, long-standing advocates of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, offer global examples of how this Spirit-led formation can sustain and guide a fellowship of believers committed to the Lord's unity.

If you desire to grow in your understanding of Christian unity this gathering will offer a safe space. Bring your heart so that together we may help the world believe.



Dr. Juan Medina

That the world may believe!

JOHN 17:23

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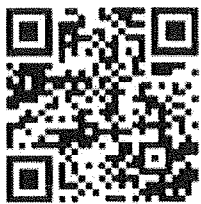
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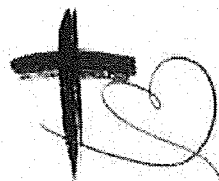
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Via de Dios
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
Income	
35000 Sponsorship	
35500 Donation-Individual	12,772.01
35600 Donation-Corporate	500.00
35700 Foundation/Grant	12.38
Total 35000 Sponsorship	13,284.39
36500 Barn Raising/Fundraising	450.00
36650 Insurance Reimb	213.92
37000 Classes/Events	2,654.61
37500 Products	
37510 Products - Notecards	30.00
37520 Products - Books	20.00
Total 37500 Products	50.00
38000 Refunds	290.00
Total Income	16,942.92
Expense	
65000 Bank Service Charges	
65010 National Bank of Arizona	15.54
65040 PayPal	212.02
65050 GiveButter	22.69
Total 65000 Bank Service Charges	250.25
66000-Professional Services	
66200 Bookkeeping	450.00
66300 Marketing	2,805.96
Total 66000-Professional Services	3,255.96
66700 Rent	1,990.00
66800 Meeting Space Rental	1,352.50
66820 Program Expenses	117.30
67000 Insurance	
67100 Directors & Officers Ins	375.00
67200 E&O/Liability Insurance	594.00
Total 67000 Insurance	969.00
67500 Charitable Donations	40.00
67700 Membership fees/dues	10.00

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Profit & Loss
January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24
68000 Printing/Mailing/Supplies	
68100 Printing & Copy Reproduct	109.55
68300 Office Supplies	39.33
Total 68000 Printing/Mailing/Supplies	148.88
69000 Communications/Marketing	
69100 Website/Social Media	2,344.52
69200 Marketing - other	7,551.25
Total 69000 Communications/Marketing	9,895.77
Total Expense	18,029.66
Net Income	-1,086.74

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Profit & Loss
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	Jan - Dec 25
Income	
35000 Sponsorship	
35500 Donation-Individual	12,446.60
35600 Donation-Corporate	500.00
35700 Foundation/Grant	
35710 - Donation/Thrivent	58.00
35700 Foundation/Grant - Other	9.00
Total 35700 Foundation/Grant	67.00
Total 35000 Sponsorship	13,013.60
36000 Space Rental Income	1,510.00
36500 Barn Raising/Fundraising	676.01
37000 Classes/Events	100.00
37500 Products	
37520 Products - Books	190.25
Total 37500 Products	190.25
Total Income	15,489.86
Expense	
62000 Operations	231.32
65000 Bank Service Charges	
65010 National Bank of Arizona	15.54
65040 PayPal	69.63
65060 Cornerstone	132.01
Total 65000 Bank Service Charges	217.18
66000-Professional Services	
66200 Bookkeeping	400.00
66300 Marketing	312.12
Total 66000-Professional Services	712.12
66700 Rent	2,200.00
66800 Meeting Space Rental	60.00
66810 Events - Food/Audio/Vsual	67.46
66820 Program Expenses	200.00
67000 Insurance	
67100 Directors & Officers Ins	567.00
67200 E&O/Liability Insurance	1,517.25
Total 67000 Insurance	2,084.25
67700 Membership fees/dues	126.00

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January through December 2025

	Jan - Dec 25
68000 Printing/Mailing/Supplies	
68100 Printing & Copy Reproduct	318.01
Total 68000 Printing/Mailing/Supplies	318.01
69000 Communications/Marketing	
69100 Website/Social Media	3,428.00
69200 Marketing - other	2,913.47
Total 69000 Communications/Marketing	6,341.47
Total Expense	12,557.81
Net Income	2,932.05