

Amended Charter for  
INFRASTRUCTURE MINISTRIES  
A Non-Profit Organization  
10013 S. Kildare, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDED CHARTER:

Since the inception of Infrastructure Ministries, a number of factors lead to the development of this Amended Charter.

- 1) Research into the requirements for 501[c][3] recognition by the Federal Government has uncovered the need to LIMIT the scope of the organization's activities in order to qualify.
- 2) The titles of the specific offices had to be modified to reflect common understanding of activities normally found within a small non-profit organization.
- 3) The initial structure was unsuitable for the level of accountability required in an organization of this kind. This amended charter will define a level of accountability which insures consensus among interested parties, and promotes credibility among supporters.

ARTICLE II

INTRODUCTION:

The Name of the association is "Infrastructure Ministries", hereinafter referred to as the "association". The basic purpose of the association is to pursue Christian Fulfillment. This Amended Charter, executed on December 27, 2001, REPLACES the charter initially composed on Friday, July 27, 2001, at the time of the association's inception. It is intended for Infrastructure Ministries to be a credible organization in the state of Illinois.

This present charter is the official statement of the association's activities, goals, structure and financial dealings. The word "Infrastructure" in the association's name implies emphasis on basics.

ARTICLE III

ACTIVITIES and GOALS:

Said association is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

While explicitly NOT a church, the intention of the association is to fulfill imperatives found in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, commonly referred to as the "Bible". Association activities which derive from considering these scriptures shall be LIMITED TO the following six (6) areas:

- Distribution of "Bibles" captured in any format including printed page and sound recordings. This often involves the purchase of books, materials, supplies, recording equipment , and in some cases travel.
- Distribution of Educational Materials, with a Scriptural emphasis, for children

- Compilation and Publishing of Devotional Music. This often involves the purchase of books, materials, supplies, recording equipment , and in some cases travel.
- Works of generosity, often called “charity”. This can range from direct assistance to the needy, to assistance given to other organizations which are better positioned to help others directly.
- Pursuit and Publishing of Scientific and Scriptural Research: This often involves the purchase of books, study materials, photostats of ancient manuscripts, supplies, document preparation equipment such as computers and photocopiers, and in some cases travel.
- Maintenance of an INTERNET presence via a WEB page and email, to facilitate the exchange of information through electronic access and downloads.

It is explicitly required by this charter that each activity, noted above, has its own “account” within the book keeping of the association, in addition to a general fund. Thus, contributions targeted for Publishing of Music, for example, will not be used for any other purpose.

#### ARTICLE IV

The association shall NOT have employees.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to members, officers or other private persons, except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for expenses incurred and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth hereof. No part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying-on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the association shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an association exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by an association, contributions to which, are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE V

Upon dissolution of the association, the officers shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the association, dispose of the remaining assets of the association to another organization established for similar goals, which at the time qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. At the current time, that organization shall be “New Beginnings Church” of Rock City, IL, 61070.

#### ARTICLE VI

THIS CHARTER:

This Amended Charter is executed on December 27, 2001. It may be Amended with documents attached electronically, and printed out when needed, using MSWord, currently Word 97. A hard copy version, with appropriate signatures, will be kept in the association’s non-electronic records.

#### ARTICLE VII

HANDLING OF AMENDMENT S

When the charter is printed out, the amendments shall appear FIRST, thus allowing all subsequent pages in the printout to be read within the proper context.

## ARTICLE VII

### OFFICERS:

The Offices have been defined to fulfill the needs of the organization. Their descriptions are as follows:

#### Section 1:

President: Shall preside over the meetings. This includes recognizing speakers, calling for votes and maintaining order in the meetings.

#### Section 2:

Treasurer: Shall oversee the managing of the accounting of the business dealings of the Association. This does not necessarily mean that the Treasurer will handle day-to-day transactions. But the treasurer shall give final approval to the financial activities of the association.

#### Section 3:

Secretary: Shall carry out the day-to-day activities of the organization. This includes recording of business, and taking minutes at the meetings.

New offices will be defined and filled as necessary.

## ARTICLE IX

### MEMBERSHIP:

A list of members will be kept up-to-date. Membership has the following levels and descriptions:

- Board Member: Participates in making all major decisions, by unanimous consent. The Board will consist of the officers of the Association.
- Associate: Participates in the activities of the association on a volunteer basis. Provides input and advice in a spirit of goodwill.

## ARTICLE X

### FINANCIAL MANGEMENT:

The association is funded through tax-deductible contributions. The activities are further supported by time and efforts donated by associates and other volunteers. A bank account and ledger, managed on a cash basis, will harbor the financial activities and records of the association. Expenses can be managed either through direct use of the association's checking account, or by reimbursing members for their expenses, as properly documented with receipts and vouchers. Financial disclosure will be made available according to applicable tax law for tax-exempt, non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations.

ARTICLE XI

MANAGEMENT OF BUSINESS:

Section 1:

The association shall be run as a 501(C)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization.

Section 2:

An annual business meeting will be held twice a year, once each in the summer and winter seasons, at a location to be determined prior to the meeting. Associates may be present through teleconference, but board members must be present.

Section 3:

A running record of the association's activity will be maintained on a computer file.

Section 5:

Ad hoc meetings will be held either in person or by teleconferencing.

Section 6:

All meetings will have minutes taken by the secretary, and those minutes added to the running record of business for the association.

Section 7:

Issues brought before the Board for discussion will be considered within the context of Scriptural imperatives, and the applicable laws of the prevailing governments: Local, State and Federal. Until consensus is reached, no decision is made and all things remain as they were prior to the discussion.

Initially Executed this 27th Day of December, 2001

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Mark Vlad, President

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Michael A. Banak, Secretary

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Lenard Oliva, Treasurer