

# **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**

## **OF**

### **1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange**

### **A Faith in GOD Based Private Ministerial Association.**

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### **Name**

The name of this Private Ministerial Association shall be 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange, and the aforesaid Private Association shall conduct business in the private domain as a Faith in God Based organization with all protections afforded by the Declaration of Independence, Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the Constitution for the united States of America. The Constitutions of the several States and by law.

#### **ARTICLE II**

##### **Object, Purpose, and Mission Statement**

To allow the Private Ministerial Association founders, hereinafter referred to as “Executive Trustees”, being synonymous with the Chairpersons identified within the 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange Charter/Bylaws, and all Private Ministerial Association members with a platform in which to conduct all manner of faith based private business, ministry, education, and services or assistance with the Association and with other Associations and Association members, keeping all business in the private domain and utilizing the protections guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Constitutions, and the Charter of Rights, to conduct business in private, remaining outside of the jurisdiction of regulation imposed upon legal fictions by government entities and Public Law. The Association shall serve as the private domain Association to provide support to the 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange Chairpersons for the administration and daily operations of the 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange Association/Ministry.

To provide a resource/services for members that seek access to a community, all manner of education, related services, information, advice, council, and support consistent with our religious and spiritual freedoms as guaranteed by the Constitution for the united States of America, the Constitutions of the several States of the Union, and the laws of the united States of America; To conduct all manner of

ministry and any manner of business within the private domain as seen fit by the Association founders.

The Ministry is organized in part for worship and for educational, spiritual, and beneficent purposes, and is established under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Bylaws and Law of Nature and Nature's God, for furthering the upliftment and enlightenment of all people throughout the World and the betterment of life on planet Earth. The formation of the offices of Trustees does not incorporate the spiritual society. 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange must always remain unincorporated.

To be in the world, but not of the world, and to act in accordance with Nature and Nature's God, the creator, and serve as stewards with the dominion over all earthly things as commanded by our creator.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Members**

#### **Section 1. Members**

- A.** Primary members are members in good standing who are counted in the voluntary membership of the Association.

#### **Section 2. Eligibility**

- A.** Any private individual, being of sound mind, and not previously banned from membership or sanctioned by the Ministerial Association is eligible for membership in this Association as determined by the Association Trustees and shall become a member upon approval of membership request or application.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Dues and Finances**

#### **Section 1. Dues**

**A.** Membership shall be open to any natural man or woman who adheres to the purposes of this Association in Article I, at the discretion of the Association Trustees.

**B.** An annual membership or membership levels may be implemented or offered at the discretion of the Association.

**C.** Membership dues for Association members may be implemented at the discretion of the Trustees. All financial transactions for the Private Ministerial Association shall remain the

responsibility of the Private Ministerial Association Trustees. The Association Trustees, and their designee, designated in writing, as authorized by the Association Bylaws are representatives authorized to enter into contracts for 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange or agreements or make financial decisions on behalf of this Private Ministerial Association.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Trustees**

#### **Section 1. Trustees**

The founding Trustees of this Association shall be “Executive Trustees” (Chairman) Carrie Wagner, Administrative Trustee Gail Wiedl, and are declared within the founding Charter/Bylaws of the 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange and any associated ministry. All Trustees of this Association shall retain the authority to enter into contracts for acts and agreements on behalf of the Association.

The Association may have a voting member known as a Member At Large if deemed beneficial to the Association by the Chairperson. Duties, responsibilities, and appointment terms of the Member At Large are to be determined by the Association Chairperson as specified with the Association Bylaws.

#### **Section 2. Term of Office**

The aforesaid Trustees of this Private Ministerial Association, being the founders of the Association, shall assume their duties immediately upon establishment of this Private Ministerial Association and shall retain those offices consistent with the charter/bylaws of the established organization.

#### **Section 3. Vacancy in Office**

Vacancy of any office shall be filled by the appointment of a Successor Trustee or Trustee At Large of this Association in accordance with Article V Section 2 of these Articles and Association Bylaws.

#### **Section 4. Duties**

Duties and responsibilities of Trustees and Ministers of 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange are defined within the Ministry/Association Charter Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VI**

## **Meetings**

### **Section 1.**

- A. No meeting of Association members shall be required.
- B. Meetings of the Executive Board of Trustees shall be held as needed to conduct business of the Ministry/Association but not less than annually.
- C. The Association Advisory Board of Trustees, if implemented, shall meet at least annually at a time and place determined by the Association Trustees.
- D. The Association Advisory Board of Trustees meetings may be held via telephone or internet conference, at the discretion of the Association Trustees.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Advisory Board**

#### **Section 1. Composition**

The Association Advisory Board of Trustees, if created by the Trustees, shall be composed in accordance with the Ministry Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Committees, Tribunals, and Dependent Ministries/Associations**

#### **Section 1. Committees**

Committees may be created and/or appointed at the discretion of the Association Trustees in accordance with Ministry Bylaws.

#### **Section 2. Ex-officio Membership**

The Association Trustees shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

#### **Section 3. Tribunal**

A Tribunal shall be created by the Association Trustees, as needed, and granted the authority to hear and settle all dispute resolution within the Association. A Tribunal established within the Ministry/Association shall be the sole governing body within the Ministry/Association which has appellate authority over the decisions of any established dispute resolution committee. The

Association Tribunal, or an established dispute resolution committee shall retain all authority for dispute resolution within the Association.

A. The Association Tribunal shall operate in accordance with rules of procedure as determined by the Association Trustees.

#### **Section 4. Dependant Associations**

The Association may, at its discretion, create or authorize the creation of dependent Ministries/Associations within other physical locations worldwide and reserves the right to determine the terms under which dependent Associations may be allowed to operate.

### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **By-Laws**

The Establishing Charter/Bylaws of 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange Shall be adopted by the Association as governing bylaws and for the purpose of carrying out the Association's Declaration of Purpose.

### **ARTICLE X**

#### **Dissolution**

The Association will be perpetual. If the Association Trustees, upon advice of the Advisory Board of Trustees should decide to dissolve the Association, dissolution shall be in accordance with the Charter/Bylaws of 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange.

### **ARTICLE XI**

#### **Parliamentary Authority**

Ministry/Association parliamentary procedure shall be at the sole discretion of the Ministry/Association Trustees.

### **ARTICLE XII**

#### **Amendments**

**Section 1.** The authority to alter or amend Articles of Association and Bylaws of the Ministry/Association shall remain solely with the Trustees of the Ministry/Association and any such amendments shall be made through a meeting of the Trustees and recorded within the minutes thereof.

## **Article XIII**

### **Voluntary Membership**

Through the voluntary Association with or voluntary submission of membership application, all members will become subject to the following clause and terms:

I Voluntarily agree to join the 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange , a Private Ministerial Association under common law, governed by Laws of Nature and Nature's God and interpreted by the 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange whose members seek to help each other achieve economic independence and good quality of life.

**(A)** I am voluntarily changing my capacity from that of a public person to that of a private member.

My activities within The Association are a private contractual matter that I refuse to share with the Local, State, or Federal investigative or enforcement agencies. I fully agree not to pursue any course of legal action against a fellow member of The Association, unless that member has exposed me to a clear and present danger of substantive evil, and upon the recommendation and approval of the Association.

**(B)** I enter into this agreement of my own free will without any pressure or coercion. I affirm that I do not represent any Local, State or Federal agency whose purpose is to regulate or to carry out any mission of enforcement, entrapment, or investigation. I have read and understood this document, and my questions have been answered fully to my satisfaction. I understand that I can withdraw from this agreement and terminate my membership in this Association at any time, and that my membership can and will be revoked if I engage in abusive, violent, menacing, destructive or harassing behavior towards any other member of The Association.

## **Article XIV**

### **Executive Trustee Signatures**

As evidenced by the below affixed signatures, these Articles of Association are hereby adopted by the organizers of 1st Tennessee Free State Depository and Exchange and are to be maintained in accordance with the established Charter/Bylaws.

Trustee (Chairperson) \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_