

# **By-Laws**

## **Preamble**

Our ministry work is about remembering our spiritual path home, connecting to our true selves and to each other. We support our spiritual ascension process by creating conscious community, Heaven on Earth.

We live in love, kindness, synchronicity and sovereignty. We secure blessings of self-empowerment and enlightenment as we ordain this set of by-laws.

## **Article 1. Name**

The name of the church will be **Evangeline Hemrick Ministries** of 701 Branchwood Drive Kernersville, NC 27284

## **Article 2. Purpose**

Evangeline Hemrick Ministries is organized as a church for the following purpose:

1. To advance and promote the study of God through the reading and studying of interfaith beliefs, scriptures, text, doctrines, philosophies, customs, ceremonies, rituals and ways of being supported by conscious evolution and love.
2. To conduct regular services of spiritual celebration, meditation and education as a multi-faith church.
3. To honor one's individual relationship with God and to allow individual expression of faith, ceremony and worship.
4. To extend support and service to the community and the world.
5. To provide opportunities for meditation practice and sacred ceremony in order to practice interfaith beliefs and customs.
6. To use it's offerings to support the ideals of the purposes set forth above to allow the Church to have full power and authority to purchase, lease, to acquire by gift, devise or bequest, and to hold, mortgage, convey and dispose of all kinds of property, both real and personal, provided that the title to all property is vested in the Church's trustees.

## **Article 3. Membership**

### **Section 1**

The membership of the Church will be composed of all persons expressing a desire to be a member.

### **Section 2**

The Abbot will recommend to the Church those persons presenting themselves for membership when they express such a desire. All members will be received by a majority vote of the members present and voting on the occasion.

### **Section 3**

Members are encouraged to be faithful in all duties essential to living a spiritual and loving life, to donate their time in service to the community, to share the ministry work by donating time and financial support.

### **Section 4**

Members who are in full and regular standing, and such only, may act and vote in the transaction of the Church's business.

## **Article 4. Meetings**

### **Section 1**

The Church will hold regular meditation classes, meetings for celebration and education, virtual online ceremonies for community and encouragement.

### **Section 2**

The Church will hold regular business meetings for the disposition of all business matters, not otherwise provided for, to hear reports from the various organizations and to consider other matters essential to the spiritual welfare and prosperity of its members.

## **Article 5. Duties and Requirements of Officers**

### **A. Abbot/Minister**

The Abbot/Minister will:

1. Be ordained as a minister by Evangeline Hemrick Ministries.
2. Be in charge of the welfare and oversight of the Church and be an ex-officio member of all organizations, departments and committees.
3. Conduct celebration and meditation services regularly, as well as on special occasions.
4. Perform other duties that usually pertain to that office, including spiritual ceremonies and rituals.
5. Minister to the spiritual needs of the members of the Church and through meditation and study, render effective spiritual teaching and ministry.

### **B. Trustees**

Upon adoption of this set of By-Laws, the Abbot will be given authority to hold title to all Church property for the benefit of the Church and to execute all contracts, deeds, mortgages and other instruments necessary.

## **Article 6. Affiliation**

The Church is a free, autonomous, and independent body as presented in this set of By-Laws. It is free of any outside control, authority or power, whether governmental or otherwise, in the use of its property and policies. The Church declares its intention to work in mutual cooperation with other spiritual groups as time and resources permit.

## **Article 7. Adoption and Amendments**

### **Section 1**

This set of By-Laws will be considered adopted and immediate effect upon a majority vote for adoption by the members present and voting at the business meeting at which the vote is taken.

### **Section 2**

This set of By-Laws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a written or oral recommendation of the Abbot. The Abbot/Minister will decide if such a recommendation merits a membership vote to take the requested action. A vote will be taken at the next business meeting and if approved by the majority of members present, adopted.

## **Article 8. Dissolution**

In the case of dissolution of the organization, all of its property will be conveyed to and vested in Earthstar Spiritual Center in Greensboro, NC, or its legal successor. The trustee of the Center will perform all actions necessary to effectuate such conveyance.