

Statute

Charitable Foundation Ministries of Grace

Preamble

The unincorporated charitable foundation **Ministries of Grace** seeks to help fulfil the mandate that Jesus gave Christianity in the Great Commission and to promote and spread the Christian faith on the basis of the Bible as the only written Word of God.

Moreover and in line with the commandment of Christian charity, the foundation aims to meet human hardship and suffering through the provision of financial resources and advice.

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Name, Legal Form, Location

- (1) The foundation has the name "Stiftung Ministries of Grace".
- (2) The foundation's seat is Solingen (Germany).
- (3) The foundation is an unincorporated foundation under the management of the trustee Markus Rippin is consequently represented by him in legal and commercial transactions.

§ 2

Foundation Goal, Non-Profit Status

- (1) Guided by Christian anthropology and a corresponding life principle, it is the foundation's goal to communicate the Christian faith on the basis of the Bible as the only written Word of God to people of all nations.
- (2) The foundation pursues exclusively and directly non-profit activities in accordance with the provisions of "Tax Privileged Purposes" of the German Tax Code.
- (3) The foundation's mission is the advancement of religion.
- (4) The purpose of the statutes and articles is especially achieved through:
 - Support and financing of the dissemination of Christian teaching at home and abroad through the setting-up of a training and resource centre with accommodation possibilities in cooperation with various Christian organisations at home and abroad as well as the award of scholarships for Bible schools at home and abroad including the provision of accommodation possibilities during training.
 - Development of school and teaching materials.
 - Authoring and publishing of books relating to Christian teaching.
 - Conception and organisation of lectures, events, conferences, seminars and appropriate basic and advanced training measures with Christian contents, especially with a focus on evangelistic empowerment.
 - Setting up a centre for the reception of people in need and providing assistance for their integration into working life: To this end, a farm shall be set up in order to provide temporary working opportunities for those in need until they start training or find work.

- Media work to impart Christian contents and values.
 - Support and financing of Christian events at home and abroad.
 - Global travel ministry for teaching missions as well as missionary projects and development cooperation projects.
 - Support of and cooperation with partner organisations in missionary projects and development cooperation projects as well as developing own missionary projects and development cooperation projects.
 - Alleviation of hardship and suffering in word and deed through the proclamation of the Word of God as well as by developing, organizing, implementing and / or financing aid operations
- (5) For the performance of these duties the foundation is allowed to include an auxiliary person in the sense of § 57 Abs. 1 S. 2 AO, in case it cannot or does not want to perform the duties itself. Written agreements must be concluded with auxiliary persons.
- (6) The foundation can cooperate with other non-profit bodies, associations, organisations, as well as entities under public law.
- (7) Furthermore, the foundation engages in raising and forwarding funds to other entities which are to use these resources for the purposes of the foundation, including as charitable foundation within the meaning of § 58 Nr. 1 AO. Raising funds in Germany for a legal entity under private law with unlimited tax liability requires this body to be tax-privileged itself.
- (8) The foundation can achieve the purpose of the statutes and articles at home and abroad.
- (9) The foundation works selflessly; it does not pursue in the first place own economical purposes.
- (10) The means of the foundation may only be used for statutory purposes. The organs of the foundation do not obtain benefits from the funds of the foundation. No person may be favoured through expenses alien to the purpose of the foundation, or through inappropriately high allowances. Appropriate remunerations within the scope of service or employment relationships are possible.
- (11) A legal claim to the granting of the services available under the foundation does not exist.

§ 3

Foundation Assets

- (1) The foundation is equipped with (initially) assets worth 20,000 Euros (in words: twenty thousand Euros).
- (2) The foundation assets, after deduction of legacies and fulfilment of requirements, shall be kept undiminished in its value. To that end, a portion of annual returns may be allocated to free reserves or the foundation assets as permitted by tax law.
- (3) Endowment contributions are possible. They accrue to the foundation assets.

§ 4

Use of Investment Returns and Donations

Investment returns and donations that are not explicitly intended for increasing the foundation's assets shall be used in fulfilment of the purpose of the foundation. Excluded from this are the reserve fund and contributions to the foundation's assets in accordance with § 58 Nr. 7 AO.

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Organ of the Foundation

Organ of the foundation is the board of trustees.

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Board of Trustees

- (1) The board of trustees consists of up to three members.
- (2) Automatic member of the board of trustees is the founder until the end of his / her life or until the moment he / she resigns by his / her own choosing. He / she appoints the other members of the board of trustees. After his death, the trustee appoints the members of the board of trustees provided the founder did not make arrangements for a dissenting regulation during his / her lifetime.
- (3) After the founder's exist from the board of trustees, the other members of the board of trustees select a chairman of the board of trustees unless otherwise directed by the founder. Even after leaving the founder retains the right to participate in every meeting. As the members of the board of trustees, he / she is to be invited to every meeting.
- (4) The members of the board of trustees work on a voluntary basis. They are entitled to reimbursement of their out-of-pocket expenses they incur for exercising their duties. Appropriate remunerations within the scope of service or employment relationships are possible.

§ 7

Duties of the Board of Trustees

- (1) The board of trustees shall decide on the use of the foundation's resources in consultation with the trustee.
- (2) As long as the founder is member of the board of trustees, he / she alone decides on the use of the financial resources.

§ 8

Convention and Resolution of the Board of Trustees

- (1) Resolutions of the board of trustees will be normally passed during meetings of the board of trustees. The board of trustees will be assembled by the trustee as required.

- (2) After the withdrawal of the founder, the board of trustees shall constitute a quorum if at least half of its members, including the chairman, participate in the passing of the resolution.
- (3) Resolutions may be approved by circular letter but not by e-mail. In this case there is an expression period of one week after the demand of resolution.
- (4) Resolutions are passed with a simple majority. In the event of an equality of votes, the chairman has the casting vote.
- (5) Subject to § 10 Abs. 2, decisions on amendments to the articles or the dissolution of the foundation are subject to the trustee's approval.
- (6) Each member of the board of trustees shall have one vote. The trustee has no codetermination right at this. The trustee only has the power of veto against a resolution if it contravenes the foundation's statutes or applicable law. In cases of doubt, an expert commissioned by the board of trustees is to review the matter and to make a recognized assessment.

§ 9

Trust Management

- (1) The trustee holds the assets of the foundation separated from his own assets. For this purpose, he / she establishes internal banking accounts and internal accounting. The founder or his / her authorised representative is at any time entitled to manage financial investments or rather negotiate with banks as well as to inspect the books and records. Within his / her administrative work, the trustee has in particular to appropriately consider the fiscal aspects of the tax concession.
- (2) The trustee may make use of external service providers for the fulfilment of his / her administrative activity.
- (3) The trustee is entitled to receive an adequate fee from the foundation for his / her basic services. The level of fees as well as further details such as reimbursement of travel expenses shall be laid down in a separate agreement.
- (4) The trustee is required each year to report about the investment of assets and the use of funds to the board of trustees. The report must be submitted by 30 June of the following year. Upon request by the board of trustees, this report is to be certified by a tax adviser / auditor.
- (5) The founder can request the external management of the foundation's assets as well as the appointment of an auditor.

§ 10

Change of Conditions, Amendments to the Articles

- (1) The founder may make amendments to the articles at any time, while the trustee shall have its point of view heard, possibly after obtaining legal advice.

- (2) Upon the founder's death, subject to paragraph 3 amendments to the articles are now only possible if the purpose of the foundation can no longer be realized due to the existing articles. In such a case, amendments to the articles should be made only to the extent that is absolutely necessary in view of the changing circumstances and in conformity with the principle that the foundation's purpose can be pursued as undiminished as possible. The original will of the founder is the yardstick and highest intellectual asset in this area.
- (3) Amendments to the articles required by supervisory, judicial and financial authorities on formal grounds can be jointly resolved and carried out by the trustee and the board of trustees at any time. During the founders' lifetime, he / she has to support those amendments.
- (4) In the case of amendments to the articles, in particular alterations of the foundation's purpose, it has to be ensured that the preferential tax treatment remains unchanged in its present form.

§ 11

Relation to Public Finance Management

- (1) The public finance management needs to be notified of any resolutions on amendments to the articles or the dissolution of the foundation and is to be provided with an opportunity to respond.
- (2) In case of intended amendments to the articles that affect the purpose of the foundation, the opinion of the public finance management needs to be sought beforehand.

§ 12

Dissolution

- (1) With the founder's approval, the trustee can resolve the dissolution of the foundation if the circumstances no longer allow a lasting and sustainable pursuit and achievement of the foundation's mission. The decision for the dissolution of the foundation must be approved by the board of trustees.
- (2) After the founder's death, the trustee and the board of trustees can jointly resolve the dissolution of the foundation if the circumstances no longer allow a lasting and sustainable achievement of the foundation's mission.
- (3) In the case of a dissolution of the foundation its assets accrue to the association "Face to Face e.V. Euskirchen" which shall be bound to use the assets directly and exclusively for charitable purposes in accordance with the purpose of the foundation.

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