Homeopathy Congress of Minneapolis, MN Articles of Association

1.-The Homeopathy Congress (herein also referred to as the Congress or the Ministry) has founded itself in the rights of its members to seek spiritual fulfillment according to personal beliefs, and upheld by the Constitutions of the United States of America and the State of Minnesota. The Homeopathy Congress sets forth to share our beliefs and assumes the legal right to appoint members into this congregation with titles of office deemed appropriate by the governing body (the Board of Directors, or the Board)).

Homeopathy Congress has founded itself as an Affiliate Ministry of the Universal Ministries of Illinois, a fully recognized Church under the laws of the State of Illinois and Internal Revenue code.

A.-All persons seeking membership within the congregation of the Homeopathy Congress are by virtue of these articles granted title and authority of ordained clergy of the Homeopathy Congress and the Universal Ministries.

The Homeopathy Congress shall be made up of two classes of members. The first class of members shall be known as the Board of Directors. These are the voting members. The second class of members shall be known as associate members and shall have no vote in the operations of the Ministry.

The Homeopathy Congress does not limit authority of ordination based in the teachings of man to the few, but accept that all are called to serve God as God's priesthood within the faith of the individual. The Homeopathy Congress accepts each member as part of the congregation as a whole while acknowledging each ordained member(s) as an independent Ministry affiliated with, but not limited to serving only within the Homeopathy Congress. All members of Homeopathy Congress, by accepting their membership, profess their belief in Homeopathy as set forth by our Master Samuel Hahnemann in his divinely inspired book *The Organon of Medicine*.

- B.- The Homeopathy Congress being made up of many faiths do not limit the education of our youth to the doctrines of any one faith. We allow the ordained member(s) of each family to educate their youth within the beliefs of the individual family unit and to share the Statement of Faith of the Congress with the youth, as all faiths lead to God.
- C.- Nonvoting membership of the congregation of the Homeopathy Congress accepts the Board as the controlling authority of the Association. Members agree to hold harmless the Homeopathy Congress of any debt, obligations, civil or criminal litigation of an individual member or any group thereof not appointed by the Board.

- 2- The Governing Board of the Association is comprised of five (5) directors. They shall serve as the controlling body of the Ministry, and all decisions made by said body shall be binding upon the members. Members of the Board are appointed for life or until such time as said member(s) of the Board give written notice to the Board of Homeopathy Congress, of desire to be removed from office. Upon resignation or death of any member, the remaining members of the Board shall appoint a replacement to the open post via simple open vote, with the majority ruling.
- A.-Appointment to the Board of additional members will require the majority vote of the Board to add the new member(s) to the Board.
- B.-The Board of the Homeopathy Congress shall at their discretion appoint a board of officers to maintain the daily operations of said Ministry. Length of term of said officers shall be set by the Board.
- C.-The Board shall appoint agencies to handle the daily business operations of the Congress in regard to maintaining the registry of members as well as the income related to the operations of the Congress. Said agencies will be independent of the Congress in business practices, yet governed by the Board in regards to member(s) privacy. Ownership of membership registry, authorities and seals, remain the sole property of the Homeopathy Congress.
- D.-The Board shall not receive or be compensated by salary for services to the Homeopathy Congress. The service is given freely to promote faith and growth within the Ministry.
- E.-The Board members may request and receive compensation for personal expenses incurred while performing the duties of the Ministry with compensation not to exceed the actual cost of the expense. No daily allowance will be provided for members beyond actual expenses of the member and all expenses shall be approved by the Body through vote before remuneration is granted.
- F.- The Board shall carry out a vote as to the appointment of officers.

 A simple majority of members of the Board shall be considered as quorum and have the authority to pass resolutions and regulations of the Ministry.
- 3.- The Homeopathy Congress shall have two levels of ordination: Minister and Reverend Teacher. All members may be ordained Ministers according to the procedure set forth by the Universal Ministries. The Board of the Homeopathy Congress shall have the privilege to ordain some Ministers to the second level, that is a Reverend Teacher, if they show proficiency in Homeopathy and become certified with one of the following titles: CCH, DHt, MFHom, CTHom, MHom, RSHom, MARH, and any other approved by the Board in the future. The Board may, at its discretion, ordain a minister showing proficiency in Homeopathy to be a Reverend Teacher even without such title. All ordinations of Reverend Teachers must be carried out only after being approved by the majority of the Board members in open vote.

- A.-Religious titles issued by the Homeopathy Congress for purpose of Ordaining, Sanctifying, investment of status, and recognition shall be issued only by the Board.
- B.-Membership, Ordinations, and religious titles shall be issued for the life of said member. The Board may install additional programs of limited appointments at their discretion. Only in case of said holder of title giving notice of willful termination, or illegal use of said title in a manner that may damage the Homeopathy Congress or others, violation of Homeopathy Congress articles of Association,

may endowments be stripped from said member.

- C.-Once placed in the membership registry a name shall not be removed for any reason. As each new member agrees to and accepts membership for life, termination of membership for any reason will list the registered member as rescinded membership while maintaining the integrity of the membership registry.
- (1) Members wishing ordination rescinded will notify the Homeopathy Congress only by Postal registered mail. The member will include in said registered letter: Legal name, current address and or former address (if applicable) date of birth and reason for request to have ordination rescinded.
- (a) Only said member may place this request for removal. No outside entity other than legal Court of State or Federal Jurisdiction may request rescindion, as said authority was granted only to said member and does not include heirs, survivors or dependents. Ordination is a non-transferable authority of the church to said individual member.
- 4. -The Board shall meet to handle affairs of the Ministry on a monthly basis or as agreed by the Board, and to set forth times of membership meetings. Said meetings shall be set upon consent of the Board.
- a. Annual meeting of the Ministries at large will be held the Wednesday of the second week of January of each year. Members wishing to attend will be responsible for all expenses incurred by the member in regards to attending said meeting.
- b. Members wishing to suggest new programs and issues should send said items to the office of the Homeopathy Congress (4) four weeks prior to the annual meeting for placement into the general meeting discussions.
- 5.-The Homeopathy Congress shall remain a privately held association following all legal guidelines required of all such associations, and privately held organizations. The Board shall determine when to raise the Homeopathy Congress to the level of corporation at such time as liabilities and assets make incorporation of more value to the Ministry.
- 6. Real properties of the Ministry shall be held in trust by the Board and may not be disposed of without formal vote of the Board. Real equipment and vehicles acquired by the Ministry shall be the sole property of the Ministry and may not be replaced, disposed of or given away without formal action of the Board.

7. - With time being of essence the Board of Directors of the Homeopathy Congress set forth their seals upon these articles placing into existence said Homeopathy Congress, this day of 2005

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