

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY

Qualifications, Requirements and Necessary Documentation



Texas Administrative Code Rule §141.420

This guide is to be used to assist organizations in completing an original application to conduct bingo.
Submittal of information does not guarantee approval.

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DEFINITIONS

By-laws are a standing set of rules governing the regulation of an organization's internal affairs.

A constitution is the set of fundamental principles according to which an organization is governed.

Articles of Incorporation are documents that set forth the basic terms and purposes of an organization and are the official recognition by the Secretary of State.

A **Certificate of Formation** is a document filed with the Texas Secretary of State, to create a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of the Texas Business Organization Code (BOC).

Nonprofit organization means an unincorporated association or a corporation that is incorporated or holds a certificate of authority under Chapter 22 of the BOC. The organization:

- (A) may not distribute any of its income to its members, officers, or governing body, other than as reasonable compensation for services.
- (B) must have obtained tax exempt status under Section 501(c), Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

INTRODUCTION

To qualify under the **RELIGIOUS SOCIETY** status

Bingo Enabling Act §2001.002 (26): “Religious society” means a church, synagogue, or other organization organized primarily for religious purposes.

Directors Message (Aug 2017) clarifies that: “A school may qualify as a religious society if that school is a seminary school, a school of theology or another school organized primarily to teach and educate on religion. If the primary purpose of a school is to educate children and/or adults as a public or private school in accordance with the Texas Education Agency or other reputable education certification board, association or group and all applicable state and federal laws, then your school may qualify as a fraternal organization for the purposes of charitable bingo.”

Listed below are a few questions to consider before your organization begins the application process:

1. Is your organization a non-profit unincorporated association or corporation?
2. Is the conduct of bingo legal in the municipality, county or justice precinct where your organization has its primary business office? *If not, you may be able to play in an adjacent county where bingo is legal. Check the adjacent counties.*
3. Has your organization been established in the state of Texas for at least three years?

If you answer “NO” to any of these questions, your organization is not currently qualified for a license to conduct charitable bingo.

If you answer “YES” to all of the questions, proceed with your application and utilize this guide to assist you in the process.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be organized primarily for religious purposes.

The name of the applicant organization must match the name provided on the organizing instruments.

Submit the following:

1. A signed and dated copy of the most recent version of all the organization's organizing instrument(s).

Or

2. A copy of the page from the applicant's parent organization religious directory that lists the applicant organization's information.

ORGANIZED IN TEXAS FOR THREE YEARS

The applicant must have been established in Texas for at least three years. The applicant must submit documentation that reflects the applicant's name and Texas address. The documents must either be dated at least three years prior to the application date or establish that the organization was founded more than three years ago.

Submit one of the following:

1. A copy of a listing in a publication such as a national roster or newspaper article naming the organization.

Or

2. A letter to the applicant from a government agency.

DEMONSTRATION OF PROGRESS

The applicant must demonstrate significant progress toward achieving the organization's objectives (purposes) during the 24 months preceding the application date. All documents must be dated and indicate the name of the organization.

Required Documentation:

- The organization must submit at least three (3) different types of acceptable documents as evidence of its active involvement in advancing its charitable mission during the twelve-month period preceding the application date.

Examples of acceptable documentation:

1. A letter from the diocese.
2. Notices of church services, and/or church bulletins.
3. Canceled checks for clergy salaries, religious books, materials and/or supplies and maintenance of religious building(s).
4. Records of marriages performed, or records of funerals performed.

To establish the beginning date, an organization may submit documentation dated up to three months before the application date to demonstrate continuous engagement in furthering its charitable purpose throughout the past 24 months.

Documentation included:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERS AS OPERATORS

The applicant may appoint only the organization's members to serve as operators.

Submit the following:

- A current membership list that includes officers and director noted. Officers would include a priest, pastor, rabbi, or other head(s) of the church. The membership list will be cross-referenced with the individuals listed on the application to ensure that only members have been appointed as operators.

CRIMINAL HISTORY INVESTIGATION

The applicant must ensure that none of the organization's officers, directors and operators have been convicted in any jurisdiction of a gambling or gambling-related offense, nor have they been convicted of a criminal fraud offense, except for a criminal fraud offense that is classified as a Class C misdemeanor.

The Department will cross-reference the names of officers and directors provided in the documents with those listed in the application to ensure all officers and directors have been disclosed. A criminal history check will be conducted on all officers, directors, and operators.

Any officer, director, or operator listed on the application who does not meet the criminal history background requirement must resign before a license can be issued.

The guidelines and factors used by the Charitable Bingo Operations Division related to bingo workers can be found at: [https://www.txbingo.org/export/sites/bingo/Documents/Guidelines for Current Licensees Registered Workers and Applicants.pdf](https://www.txbingo.org/export/sites/bingo/Documents/Guidelines%20for%20Current%20Licensees%20Registered%20Workers%20and%20Applicants.pdf).

Submit the following:

1. A signed, dated copy of the most recent version of the applicant organization's organizing instrument(s) that list the officer and director positions.

Or

2. If officers and/or directors are not listed in organizing instruments, a current membership list identifying officers and directors. (If applicable)

Or

3. If officer and/or director positions are unfilled, a statement signed by an officer indicating which positions are vacant. (If applicable)

LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

An applicant for a license to conduct bingo must file with the department an application on a form prescribed by the department and be in good standing with the Texas Secretary of State.

Submit the following:

1. The most recent copy of *IRS Form 990* if the organization is required to file it. Indicate on application (*FORMID 1, Item 12*) if organization is not required to file *Form 990*.

And

2. A letter verifying the applicant is in good standing with the Texas Secretary of State (SOS).

If the Department cannot validate the applicant's good standing with the SOS directly, additional documentation from the applicant must be provided. This documentation may include a copy of "Tax Clearance Letter for Reinstatement" from the State Comptroller of Public Accounts and a stamped, filed copy of an "Application for Reinstatement" from the Secretary of State.

REQUIRED TRAINING

- The Bingo Chairperson is required to take the Online Bingo Training located in the Bingo Service Portal: <https://bsc.txbingo.org/>.

All members of the organization involved in the conduct of bingo are highly encouraged to complete the online bingo training.

REQUIRED FORMS

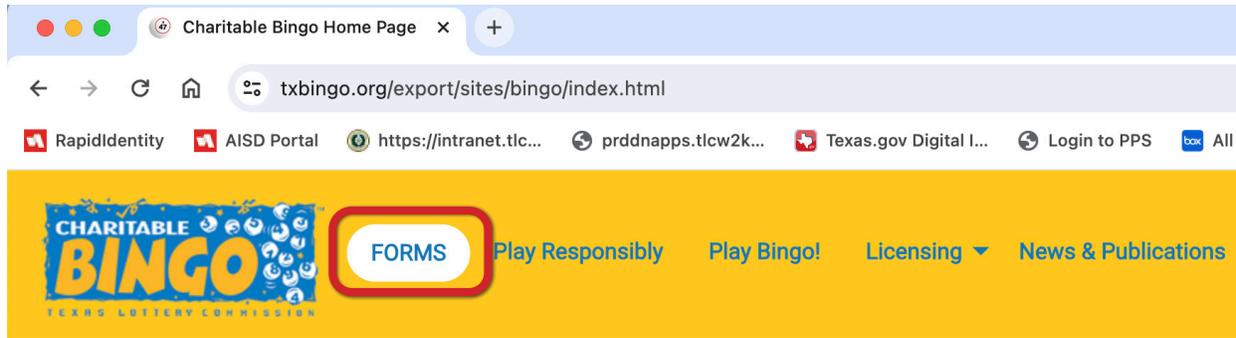
1. **Application for an Original License to Conduct Bingo FORMID 1**
 2. **Application for an Original License to Conduct Bingo Supplement FORMID 7**
 3. **Add Individuals to a License to Conduct Bingo FORMID 2**
 4. **Bond Information** (Submit one of the following)
 - a. **Assignment of Security for a License to Conduct Bingo FORMID 3**
(Assignment of an account, such as Certificates of Deposit/Savings, for the specified amount to the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation.)
 - b. **Surety Bond for a License to Conduct Bingo FORMID 4** (Provide a bond from an authorized agent.)
 - c. **Cash Bond** (Send a check or money order payable to “TX State Comptroller”.)
 - d. **U.S. Treasury Bonds** (No form is available, must be submitted with application.)
 - e. **Letters of Credit** (No form is available, must be submitted with application.)
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SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS

1. **Application for Registry of Bingo Workers FORMID 46:** (This form must be completed by a person that will be involved with the conduct of bingo as an operator, manager, cashier, usher, caller, salesperson, bookkeeper, or Bingo Chairperson for an annual license holder.)
2. **Add Designated Member to Conductor License FORMID 62:** (This form must be submitted by an applicant for a license to conduct bingo to designate an individual as a member of their organization for the purposes of conducting bingo.)
3. **Verification by Parent for Charitable Organization Conductor FORMID 110:** (This form must be submitted by an organization applying for a license to conduct charitable bingo in Texas that is a subordinate organization to a parent organization. The form will verify that the subordinate organization is in good standing with the parent organization and whether the subordinate organization is covered under the 501(c) group exemption letter issued by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to the parent organization.)
4. **Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax IRS Form 990:** (This form is used by tax-exempt organizations and nonexempt charitable trusts, to provide the IRS with the information required by section 6033.)

All forms, except for IRS forms, are available on the Texas Charitable Bingo Operations Division website at: www.txbingo.org.

Once the website is open, click on “Forms.”



You can search for forms by using Search function or Type of license.

Charitable Bingo Forms

A screenshot of the 'Charitable Bingo Forms' search interface. The page has a light gray background. At the top, the title 'Charitable Bingo Forms' is displayed in a large, black, serif font. Below the title, there is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search:' and a red rectangular box around it. To the left of the search bar, there is a dropdown menu labeled 'Type' with a blue background and a red rectangular box around it. Next to the 'Type' dropdown is a 'Reset' button. Below the search bar and dropdown, there is a 'Form' label and a 'Form ID' label with a dropdown arrow. The overall layout is clean and functional.

Please note that application processing time depends upon several variables, including the completeness and accuracy of the application and whether required supplemental documentation is provided or not.

A FINAL-QUICK CHECKLIST

Ensure that all forms, fees, and documentation are submitted with the application package.

Submit Now:

1. **Application for an Original License to Conduct Bingo FORMID 1.** Fill out all sections; do not leave any item blank. If an item does not apply, enter “N/A.”
2. **Add Individuals to a License to Conduct Bingo FORMID 2.**
3. **Application for Registry of Bingo Workers FORMID 46.**
4. **Copy of the Bingo Training Certificate.**
5. **All applicable Organizational documents (Charter, members list, bylaws, etc.).**

May submit now or when notified:

1. **Application for an Original License to Conduct Bingo Supplement FORMID 7.**
2. **Bond** – Submit a check made payable to “Texas State Comptroller” or **Assignment of Security for a License to Conduct Bingo FORMID 3** or **Surety Bond for a License to Conduct Bingo FORMID 4** for the amount calculated. The original surety bond must be mailed to our office and signed by two officers of the organization.
3. **Add Individuals to a License to Conduct Bingo FORMID 2** to designate a bookkeeper and operators if they have not been submitted previously. These positions require a worker registry badge.

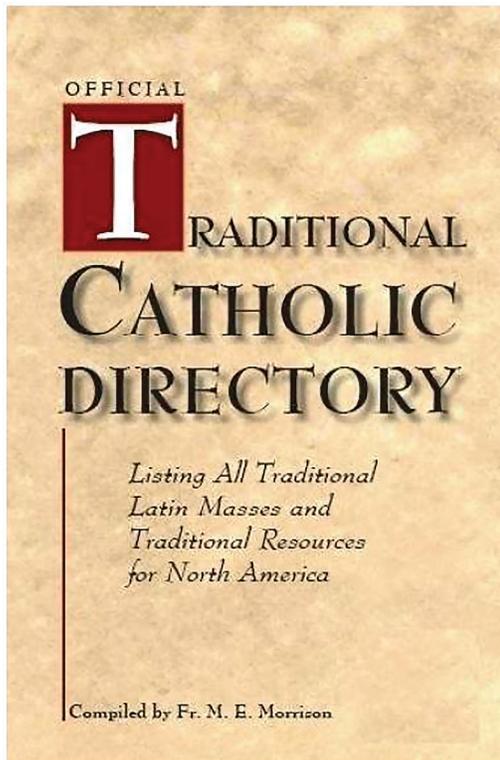
Please see Texas Administrative Code Rule 141.420 for additional reference aide.
[https://texas-sos.appianportalsgov.com/rules-and-meetings?\\$locale=en_US&interface=VIEW_TAC_SUMMARY&queryAsDate=01%2F12%2F2026&recordId=226275](https://texas-sos.appianportalsgov.com/rules-and-meetings?$locale=en_US&interface=VIEW_TAC_SUMMARY&queryAsDate=01%2F12%2F2026&recordId=226275)

Ensure all required documentation is submitted.

APPENDIX

The documents included below are presented as examples only and may not represent a complete list of acceptable documentation. Please check the appropriate agency website or contact the appropriate individuals for the latest version of any form and/or any potential equivalent, acceptable documentation not represented here.

EXAMPLE 1 - National Church Directory



*Official Traditional Catholic Directory - 22nd Annual Edition (2017)
June 2017 Monthly Revised Edition - www.traditio.com/nat.htm*

Chapel of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows
34 W. Hillside Place, Trophy Club, TX 76262, ntmcmmission.blogspot.com
No celebrant announced, (619) 600-2266, traditionalcatholic@gmail.com
Independent (Traditional Resistance), SU 10:30 am

Our Lady of Fatima Church
209 Peach St., Sanger, TX 76266
Fr. Bourmaud, (940) 458-7344, (972) 420-6604
NSSPX, SU 8 am, 1st SA 5 pm

Sacred Heart Chapel
303 Hunter John Dr., Copperas Cove, TX 76522
Fr. Anton Trinh, (682) 201-8146
Independent, 1st/3rd/5th SU 10 am, Holydays 5 pm

San Sabba Mission
Rollins Brook Hospital, 608 N. Key Ave., Rm. 5, Lampassas, TX 76550
Fr. Anton Trinh, (682) 201-8146
Independent, 2nd SU 10 am (occasionally)

St. Louis Church
2001 N. 25th St., Waco, TX 76708
Presb. John Guzaldo, (254) 754-1221, www.stlouiswaco.com
Diocese, SU 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Annunciation Church
1618 Texas St., Houston, TX 77003, (713) 222-2289, annunciacioncc.org
Presb. James Golasinski, smal@evl.net
Diocese, SU 8 am (Cantata), TU-TH 12:10 pm

St. Michael the Archangel Chapel
24001 Aldine Westfield Rd., Spring, TX 77373
Fr. Simonot, (281) 376-5845
NSSPX, SU 4 pm, 1st SA 9 pm

St. Jude Shrine
3101 N. Main, Stafford, TX 77477
Fr. Campbell, (832) 512-9993(281) 499-1813

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EXAMPLE 2 - Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Bylaws are your organization's internal affairs guidebook. Bylaws establish procedures for holding elections, organizing meetings, quorum requirements, membership structure (if needed) and other essential operations of your nonprofit. Bylaws serve as your organizational manual and will help guide the orderly operation of your organization.

Articles of Incorporation
First Church of Someplace, Texas
A Texas Nonprofit Corporation

Bylaws for First Church of Someplace, Texas

These Bylaws constitute the rules adopted by First Church of Someplace, Texas, (hereinafter sometimes referred to as, "the Church") for the regulation and management of its affairs.

Article I. Purpose of the Church (Optional. Elaborate, if desired, on the religious purpose statement in the certificate of formation, but do not contradict, or provide for anything inconsistent with, the certificate of formation.) Example:

Section 1. The Church exists to worship God, to proclaim the Word of God, and to be in service to God.

Article II. Doctrine of the Church (Optional. A doctrinal statement may be included in the bylaws at the option of the church.)

Article III. Polity of the Church (Optional but legally desirable.) Example:

Section 1. The Church is an autonomous body, governed by its congregation, subject solely to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Article IV. Cooperation (Optional but legally desirable.) Example:

Section 1. The Church seeks to identify associations and conventions with which the Church may cooperate for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. In every instance, cooperation shall be voluntary on the part of the Church and no association or convention, or any other body or person shall have any authority over the Church.

Article V. Ordinances (Optional) Example:

Section 1. Baptism

Section 2. The Lord's Supper

Article VI. Membership (This area is legally important.) Example:

Section 1. The membership shall be composed of Baptized believers who have been accepted for membership by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as his or her Savior and Lord and as a candidate for baptism by immersion, or by promise of a letter from another church of like faith and order, or by statement that he or she is or was a member of a church of like faith and order and his or her records, for any reasonable cause, are no longer available.

Section 2. Candidacy

Section 3. Acceptance by the Church

Section 4. Privileges of Membership

Each member shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a regular or special meeting of Church members.

Section 5. Member's Right to Inspect Books and Records

A member, on written demand stating the purpose of the demand, is entitled to examine and copy at the member's expense, in person or by agent, accountant, or attorney, at any reasonable time and for a proper purpose, the books and records of the corporation relevant to that purpose.

Section 6. Discipline

Section 7. Termination of Membership

Article VII. Watch Care (Optional. May be helpful to differentiate from membership.)

Article VIII. Meetings (This area is legally important.) Example:

Section 1. Act of the Membership

The membership may act only at a properly called meeting of the membership where a quorum is present.

Section 2. Quorum

Members present at a meeting for which notice has been given shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. Voting

At such a meeting, a member may only vote in person. A vote of a majority of the members in attendance shall be an act of the membership, except that a two-thirds majority of the members in attendance shall be required for the Church to take the following actions: dissolution of the corporation, merger or consolidation with another corporation, sale of substantially all the corporation's assets, amendment to the corporation's Certificate of Formation or of its Bylaws.

Section 4. Regular Meetings

A regular meeting of members shall be held _____.

Section 5. Special Meetings

A special meeting of the members may be called by _____, or by members having not less than one-tenth of the votes entitled to be cast at the meeting.

Section 6. Notice

Notice of regular and special business meetings shall be given by oral announcement at a regularly scheduled worship service before the meeting, or by _____.

Section 7. Location

All meetings shall be held at _____ (for example, “the church.”).

Article IX. Parliamentary Authority (Optional but desirable.) Example:

Section 1. The rules contained in the then current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order* not inconsistent with the Certificate of Formation or the Bylaws, are adopted by the Church.

Article X. Officers (A church may have any officers it chooses. The Bylaws should identify the officers and their functions, provide for the manner of election of officers, and specify the term of office, not to exceed three years. Typical officers include Pastor, Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer.)

Article XI. Committees (Optional but desirable.) Example:

Section 1. Standing Committees

Section 2. Special Committees

Section 3. Task Forces and Ministry Teams

Article XII. Deacons (Optional but desirable.) Example:

Section 1. Purpose and Function

Section 2. Qualifications

Section 3. Elections

Section 4. Deacon Officers

Article XIII. Amendments (Some rule should be declared. The Code allows total flexibility. Normally some “supermajority” is required to amend the bylaws.) Example:

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting or at any special meeting, if the notice of the meeting contained notice of the proposed amendment, upon the adoption of the amendment by the vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Article XIV. Effective Date

This document becomes effective when the document is filed by the Secretary of State. The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument.

Signature of Organizer: _____ *Date:* _____

EXAMPLE 3 - Acceptable Letter from IRS

<p>Internal Revenue Service P.O. Box 2508 Cincinnati, OH 45201</p> <p>Date: July 12, 2010</p> <p>United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 3211 4th Street, NE Washington, DC 20017-1194</p> <p>Dear Sir/Madam:</p> <p>This responds to your July 9, 2010, request for information regarding the status of your group tax exemption.</p> <p>Our records indicate that you were issued a determination letter in March 1946, that you are currently exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code because you are described in sections 509(e)(4) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).</p> <p>With your request, you provided a copy of the <i>Official Catholic Directory for 2010</i>, which includes the names and addresses of the agencies and instrumentalities and the educational, charitable, and religious institutions operated by the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, its territories, and possessions that are subordinate organizations under your group tax exemption. Your request indicated that each subordinate organization is a non-profit organization, that no part of the net earnings thereof inures to the benefit of any individual, and that no substantial part of their activities is for promotion of legislation. You have further represented that none of your subordinate organizations is a private foundation under section 509(a), although all subordinate organizations do not all share the same sub-classification under section 509(a). Based on your representations, the subordinate organizations in the <i>Official Catholic Directory for 2010</i> are recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code under GEN 0928.</p> <p>Donors may deduct contributions to you and your subordinate organizations as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to them or for their use are deductible for federal estate and gifts tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of section 2055, 2109, and 2522 of the Code.</p> <p>Subordinate organizations under a group exemption do not receive individual exemption letters. Most subordinate organizations are not separately listed in Publication 78 or the EO Business Master File. Donors may verify that a subordinate organization is included</p>	<p>Department of the Treasury</p> <p>Person to Contact: Roger Meyer Toll Free Telephone Number: 877-828-5500 Employer Identification Number: 53-0190617 Group Exemption Number: 0928</p>	<h3>ACCEPTABLE GROUP LETTER</h3> <p>Letters are from the IRS and must include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Group's EIN2) Group Exemption Number is listed.3) Group's name and address.4) The IRS considers your organization a 501(c)(3) organization. <p>Must provide a photocopy of the directory cover and the page with your organization highlighted.</p>
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EXAMPLE 4 - Government Agency Letter



OGDEN UT 84201-0038

In reply refer to: 0443289478
Mar. 17, 2014 LTR 147C 0
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BODC: SB

ST CATHOLIC



AVE
SAN ANTONIO TX 78

032283

Employer Identification Number: 2 8

Dear Taxpayer:

Thank you for your inquiry of Mar. 06, 2014.

Your Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 2 8. Please keep this letter in your permanent records. Enter your name and EIN on all federal business tax returns and on related correspondence.

If you need forms, schedules, or publications, you can obtain them by visiting the IRS web site at www.irs.gov or by calling toll free at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Please call our toll-free telephone number at 1-800-829-4933 with any questions you may have.

You also can write to us at the address shown at the top of this letter's first page.

When you write to us, please attach this letter and, in the spaces below, give us your telephone number with the hours we can reach you in case we need more information. You also may want to keep a copy of this letter for your records.

Telephone Number () _____ Hours _____

We apologize for any inconvenience we may have caused you, and thank you for your cooperation.

EXAMPLE 5 - Church Bulletin

SUNDAYS AT FIRST CHURCH

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Traditional Worship | 9:30 & 11:00 am | Sanctuary
 *First Sunday of month | 9:40 am | Chapel | 11:00 am | Sanctuary
 Disciple Church | 7:15 am | Community Breakfast | Wesley Hall
 8:30 am | Worship | Chapel
 The Gathering | 9:30 am | Wesley Hall | 11:00 am | Justin Youth Building
 eleven:eleven celebration | 11:11 am | Wesley Hall
 Children First | First Sunday of month | 9:45 am | Sanctuary

OTHER OFFERINGS

Chapel Communion | 10:35 am | Chapel
 Connections | 10:30 - 11:00 am & noon - 12:30 pm | Garden & Wesley Hall

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY (3 MONTHS - PRE-K)

9:30 am - noon | Children's Wing
 Contact: Paula Wagstaff | pwagstaff@myfurchurch.org | 817-546-4414

CHILDREN'S ACADEMY SUNDAY SCHOOL (K - 5TH)

9:30 am - noon | Children's Wing
 Contact: Mark Burrows | mburrows@myfurchurch.org | 817-339-5097

CONFIRMATION (6TH GRADE)

September - May | 9:15 - 10:45 am | Justin Youth Building
 Contact: Rev. Casey Orr | corr@myfurchurch.org | 817-339-5067

YOUTH SUNDAY PROGRAMMING (7TH - 12TH GRADE)

Sunday School | 9:30 - 10:30 am | Justin Youth Building
 Cornerstone Youth Choir Rehearsal | 4:30 - 5:30 pm | Choir Room
 The Refuge | 5:30 - 7:30 pm | Justin Youth Building
 Contact: Andrew Mochrie | amochrie@myfurchurch.org | 817-339-5070

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

First Talks | All ages | 9:30 am | Room 350
 Wesley Bible | All ages | 9:30 am | Room 340 - 341
 Veriditas | All ages | 9:45 am | Foundation Building, Room 272
 Quest | All ages | 11:00 am | Room 333
 Foundations | Age 30s - 40s | 9:30 am | Room 335
 Genesis Couples | Age 30s - 40s | 9:45 am | Room 351
 Aldersgate Couples | Age 40s - 60s | 9:30 am | Room 333
 Good Neighbors | Age 40s - 60s | 11:00 am | Room 334
 New Horizon Singles | Age 50s - 60s | 9:30 am | Room 231
 Kolonias | Age 60s - 70s | 9:30 am | Room 224
 Loyalty | Age 60s - 70s | 9:30 am | Room 334
 Sojourners | Age 60s - 70s | 9:30 am | Room 335
 Creative Couples | Age 60s - 70s | 9:45 am | Room 321
 New Passages | Age 60s - 70s | 11:00 am | Room 352
 Covenant | Age 70+ | 9:30 am | Room 331
 Inquirers | Age 70+ | 9:30 am | Room 352
 Twosome | Age 70+ | 9:30 am | Room 154
 Contact: Rev. Chuck Gratt | cgratt@myfurchurch.org | 817-339-5065

CHOIRS

Contact: Robert Sloval | rsloval@myfurchurch.org | 817-339-5074

USHERS & GREETERS

Contact: Lisa Helm | lhelm@myfurchurch.org | 817-339-2403

MORE WAYS TO WORSHIP

Live Stream | Join us live online on Sunday mornings at furchurch.org/live at 9:30 am for The Gathering, 9:45 am for Children First (first Sunday of each month), 11:00 am for Traditional, and 11:11 am for eleven:eleven celebration.
 WRR Radio | Listen to each previous week's sermon and music on Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on WRR 101.1 FM.

GET THE NEWS

Get your FURCFW Weekly newsletter and CONNECT Magazine here at the church. Read the news online and sign up for emails at furchurch.org/news.



As disciples, we are devoted followers of Jesus Christ, committed to practices that will encourage growth in faith. Discipleship is the process of being shaped by the Holy Spirit through spiritual practices to become more like Jesus.

The Healthy Plate Discipleship framework will use a variety of practices to help you more faithfully follow Jesus Christ. Try all six areas to grow strong in faithful discipleship. Some of these practices will comfort you, some will challenge you, and all will completely nourish you.

Your plate may be too full or too empty, and we want to help you have a well-balanced experience when it comes to your life of faith.

AREAS OF DISCIPLESHIP

- WORSHIP**
Gathering to focus on God together
- SERVE**
Being God's people in the world
- GIVE**
Putting God first in all things
- LEARN**
Discovering and understanding who God is
- PLAY**
Enjoying the good life God gives
- PRAY**
Talking and listening to God's direction



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"Let Us Become More Aware . . ." Traditional Worship
 Dr. Mike Marshall 11:00 am
 John 16:12-15 May 7, 2017

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth — we're so glad that you are worshipping with us today! Let us know you're here by filling out an attendance registration card. Just grab one from the pew pocket in front of you and then place it in the offering plate. If you would like to join our church family, fill out the How to Join card and bring it with you during the closing hymn.

Large-print bulletins, hearing enhancement devices, and children's activity packets are available. Our ushers would be happy to assist you at any time. Please silence your cell phone as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Coming Next in Traditional Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am | Sanctuary

May 14
 Rev. Lance Marshall

May 21
 Dr. Tim Bruster
 Co-Minister: Swelby

May 28
 Dr. Tim Bruster

EXAMPLE 6 - Proof of Good Standing

Corporations Section
P.O.Box 13697
Austin, Texas 78711-3697



Carlos H. Cascos
Secretary of State

Office of the Secretary of State

Certificate of Fact

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of Texas, does hereby certify that the document, Certificate of Formation for ^{***Redacted***}, a Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC), was filed in this office on June 18, 2012.

It is further certified that the entity status in Texas is in existence.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in Austin, Texas on May 23, 2016.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cascos".

Carlos H. Cascos
Secretary of State

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EXAMPLE 7 - IRS Form 990

Click on the question-mark icons to display help windows.
The information provided will enable you to file a more complete return and reduce the chances the IRS will need to contact you.

Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, 2023, and ending _____, 20

B Check if applicable:

Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Final return/terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

D Employer identification number

E Telephone number

F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify): _____

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).

I Website: _____

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other: _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. _____ \$

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I _____

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	6d	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received																														
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts																														
	3 Membership dues and assessments																														
	4 Investment income																														
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																														
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses																														
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)																														
	6 Gaming and fundraising events:																														
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)																														
	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)																														
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events																															
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)																															
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																															
b Less: cost of goods sold																															
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)																															
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)																															
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8																															
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)																														
	11 Benefits paid to or for members																														
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits																														
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors																														
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance																														
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping																														
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)																														
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16																															
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)																														
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)																														
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)																														
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20																														

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33		
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions	34		
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a		
b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b		
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c		
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a _____	37a		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b		
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee; or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a		
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved	38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911: _____; section 4912: _____; section 4955: _____			
b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958			
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization			
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e		
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed: _____			
42a The organization's books are in care of: _____ Telephone no. _____ Located at: _____ ZIP + 4 _____			
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	42b	Yes	No
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____	42c		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a		
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b		
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c		
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d		
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a		
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions	45b		

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	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	Yes	No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A **Yes** **No**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here ?	Signature of officer		Date		
	Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name			Firm's EIN	
	Firm's address			Phone no.	
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions					<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

EXAMPLE 8 - Application for Reinstatement

Form 801
(Revised 12/23)

This space reserved for office use.



Submit in duplicate to:
Secretary of State
P.O. Box 13697
Austin, TX 78711-3697
512 463-5555
FAX: 512 463-5709
Filing Fee: [See instructions](#)

Application for Reinstatement And Request to Set Aside Tax Forfeiture

1. The name of the entity is: _____

The entity is a foreign entity that was required to obtain its registration under a name that differs from the legal name stated above. The fictitious name under which the entity is registered is:

2. The file number issued to the filing entity by the secretary of state is: _____

3. The entity was forfeited or revoked under the provisions of the Texas Tax Code on: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

4. The undersigned requests that the forfeiture or revocation of the entity be set aside, and certifies that:
a. The entity has filed each delinquent report that is required by chapter 171 of the Tax Code and has made payment for the tax, penalty, and interest imposed and that is due at the time of this application as evidenced by the attached tax clearance letter; and

- b. On the date of forfeiture or revocation, the undersigned person was:
- an officer, director, or shareholder of the above-named for-profit or professional corporation; or
 - an officer, director, or member of the above-named professional association; or
 - an officer, director, or member of the above-named nonprofit corporation; or
 - a member or manager of the above-named limited liability company; or
 - a partner of the above-named limited partnership; or
 - a trustee or beneficial owner of the above-named statutory or business trust.

Additional Required Documentation or Filings

- Comptroller of Public Accounts Tax Clearance Letter
 Letter of Consent or Amendment to Certificate of Formation or Application for Registration
(Required when entity name is no longer available.)

Execution

The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury, and the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument, that the undersigned is authorized to make this request; that the statements contained herein are true and correct; and that tax clearance was not obtained by providing false or fraudulent information.

Date: _____

By: _____
Name of entity (see instructions)

Signature of authorized person (see instructions)

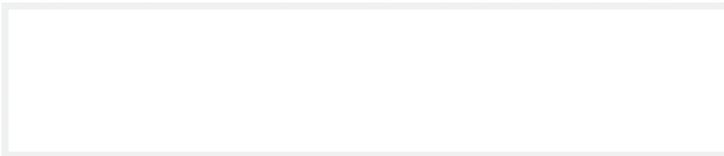
Printed or typed name of authorized person

EXAMPLE 9 - Tax Clearance Letter for Reinstatement



TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

P.O. Box 13528 • Austin, TX 78711-3528



Tax Clearance Letter for Reinstatement*

To: Texas Secretary of State
Corporations Section

Re: _____
Taxpayer number: _____
File number: _____

The referenced entity has met all franchise tax requirements and is eligible for reinstatement through _____

* The reinstatement must be filed with the Texas Secretary of State on or before the expiration date of this letter. After this date, additional franchise tax filing requirements must be met, and a new request for tax clearance must be submitted.

You can file for reinstatement online at www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/sosda/index.shtml. Forms and instructions for reinstatement are available at www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/forms_option.shtml or by calling 512-463-5555. This tax clearance letter must be attached to the reinstatement forms.

**For assistance:
1-800-BINGO77
(1-800-246-4677)**

txbingo.org

bingo.services@lottery.state.tx.us