

# CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF

## National Disaster Interfaiths Network

Under Section 402 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law of the State of the New York

**FIRST:** The name of the corporation is: National Disaster Interfaiths Network.

**SECOND:** The corporation is a corporation as defined in subparagraph (a)(5) of Section 102 (Definitions) of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

**THIRD:** The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows:

The Corporation is formed for the charitable purposes of educating its members and the public about the best practices in long-term recovery for the vulnerable, disenfranchised, under-served, and lower-income community members particularly affected by disasters. This purpose will be accomplished through:

- (a). An online resource library;
- (b). Attendance at organized conferences pertaining to disaster response;
- (c). Distribution of an E-newsletter to maintain communications between members and public;
- (d). Provision of professional development and support;
- (e). Ability to access mentors; and,
- (f). Networking locally, regionally, nationally.

A growing number of local and regional disaster interfaith organizations have begun to commit to developing sustainable local advocacy, mitigation, readiness, response, and recovery capacity. National Disaster Interfaiths Network is a network of local, regional, and state interfaith disaster organizations set forth to share tools, information, and support around an all-hazards approach to mitigation, preparedness, and the life cycle of recovery.

National Disaster Interfaiths Network is an intentionally inclusive interfaith disaster organization in membership, leadership, and services. As a membership organization, we recognize the cyclical nature of disaster and plan to be active in all phases of the disaster life cycle. We will provide disaster human services free from proselytizing and religious content and support the provision of spiritual care and disaster chaplaincy that is appropriate and sensitive to all faiths. As an organization that embraces diversity, we strive for ethnic and cultural competency. National Disaster Interfaiths Network members will participate with VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) regionally or nationally. We encourage local judicatories to have a relationship with their national disaster ministries and partner with government, business, and other non-profits. We actively engage in service evaluation and participate in disaster research. We value transparency in all areas of governance and accountability in services provided and as members share best practices and resources.

**FOURTH:** The Corporation shall be a Type B corporation pursuant to Section 201 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

**FIFTH:** The office of the corporation is to be located in the County of New York, State of New York.

**SIXTH:** The names and addresses of the initial directors of the corporation are:

Rev. Amy BeVillie Elder: 5207 Airport Blvd., Austin, TX 78751  
Peter B. Gudaitis: 350 Cabrini Blvd. Apt. 7H New York, NY 10040  
Jody Hill: 3383 Spring Lake Hwy. Brooksville, FL 34602  
Frank Levy: 3217 Montrose Blvd. Houston, TX 77006  
Myles P. Varley: 31 Evans Terminal Road Hillside, NJ 07205

**SEVENTH:** The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the corporation upon whom process against it may be served. The address which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process accepted on behalf of the corporation is:

22 Cortlandt Street  
20th Floor  
NY, NY 10007

**EIGHTH:**

Articles of incorporation of the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of New York, do hereby certify.

The name of the corporation shall be National Disaster Interfaiths Network.

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes including for such purposes the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.


Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (1) a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code of 2004 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or (2) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 2004 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

This corporation shall have perpetual existence. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation, after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution, shall be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 2004 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or local government exclusively for public purpose. None of the assets of the Corporation will be distributed to any Director or Officer of the Corporation, and no assets or earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any Director or Officer of the Corporation.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2007



Peter B. Gudaitis  
(Name of Incorporator)

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(Signature)

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