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Bishop Tiran Nersoyan  
Diocese of the Armenian Church  
630 Second Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Bishop:

I have your letter of March 14, 1951, enclosing a draft of a proposed charter for a church in Miami, which draft must have been prepared in 1948 as indicated by the date used therein. You wished me to look this over before you send it to Miami for approval by the court.

I did some research in the library and read Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes of 1949, in order to familiarize myself with the requirements of the laws of the State of Florida.


I have prepared and herewith enclose in duplicate a proposed draft of the charter which complies with the Florida laws and incorporates the requirements of the Diocese by-laws.

The State of Florida does not have laws exclusive for the incorporation of religious societies. Religious societies are incorporated same as other charitable corporations not for profit under Chapter 617 under Florida Statutes of 1941 and later adopted in 1949. Under that chapter the charter must contain:

"The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation may at any time subject itself, which shall never be greater than two-thirds of the value of the property of the corporation."

"The amount in value of the real estate which the corporation may hold, subject always to the approval of the Circuit Judge."

Very truly yours,

  
DICRAN SIMSARIAN

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P.S. "all I submit a bill here?"

CHARTER OF THE ARMENIAN  
~~ORTHODOX~~ APOSTOLIC CHURCH  
OF MIAMI, INCORPORATED

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a religious corporation, not for profit, under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, 1949.

I

The name of the Corporation shall be Armenian Orthodox Apostolic Church of Miami, Incorporated. The principal office of the corporation shall be located in and about the City of Miami, County of Dade, State of Florida.

II

The general nature of the object of the corporation shall be to provide a church wherein may be maintained religious worship or services in accordance with the tenets, usages and creed of the <sup>Armenian</sup> Apostolic Orthodox Church of ~~Armenia~~.

III

All persons who have been baptised and confirmed in the Armenian Church, who accept its doctrines, canons, and rites, are eligible for membership to this corporation.

IV

The existence of this corporation shall be perpetual.

V

The names and residence of the incorporators and subscribers of this Charter are as follows:

1. Haroutiune H. Tchakarian 932 S.W. 44th Avenue, Miami, Florida
2. Hardsiros Dersahakian 3910 Kamquat Avenue, Coconut Grove, Florida
3. Sam Hoonjian 647 N.W. 45th Street, Miami, Florida
4. John Kulhanjian 1678 S.W. 11th Street, Miami, Florida
5. Kenneth Korkorian 1632 So. Bayshore St., Miami, Florida
6. Dicran Khoyan 1818 S.W. 21st Terrace, Miami, Florida

*Amended*

## VI

The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by the Priest in Charge and the Parish Council. The Parish Council shall be elected by the Parish Assembly and shall consist of not less than three nor more than eleven members. At the first election one half of the members of the Parish Council shall be elected for one year and one half shall be elected for two years. Their successors shall be elected for two years. The Parish Council shall elect its own officers for a term of one year.

## VII

The names of the persons who are to act on the Parish Council and are to manage the affairs of the corporation, and the term of their office are as follows:

1. Haroutiune H. Tohakarian, to hold office for two years and until the second annual election of members to the Parish Council.
2. Mardiros Dersahkian, to hold office for two years and until the second annual election of members to the Parish Council.
3. Sam Hoomjian, to hold office for two years and until the second annual election of members to the Parish Council.
4. John Kulhanjian, to hold office for one year and until the next annual election of members to the Parish Council.
5. Kenneth Korkorian, to hold office for one year and until the next annual election of members to the Parish Council.
6. Dieran Khoyan, to hold office for one year and until the next annual election of members to the Parish Council.

## VIII

The by-laws of this corporation are to be made by the members of this corporation and may be altered, or rescinded by them, provided, however, such by-laws, and all alterations or rescissions thereof are in accordance with <sup>and Subject to</sup> the by-laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America.

The Armenian ~~Orthodox~~ <sup>Protestant</sup> Church of Miami is a member church of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America,

a religious corporation organized pursuant to Section 15 of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York, having governing authority and jurisdiction over this and other churches or parishes. This corporation shall function as provided by the by-laws of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America ~~and shall be under the spiritual, canonical and ecclesiastical jurisdiction and authority vested in His Holiness, the Catholicos Patriarch of all Armenians in Holy Etchmiadzin.~~

IX

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation may at any time subject itself shall be \$250,000, which indebtedness however shall never be greater than two-thirds of the value of the property of the corporation.

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The amount in value of the real estate which the corporation may hold is \$500,000.00.

XI

This corporation may take by gift, devise, purchase or otherwise acquire real or personal property within and without the State of Florida for the benefit of this corporation, or for the benefit of any religious, charitable, cultural or social organization, work or activity, existing under its jurisdiction, or related to it. This corporation may take and hold any real or personal property upon trust and apply the same or the income thereof for the purpose of such trust. This corporation shall have and enjoy all privileges and powers permitted for a religious corporation by the laws of the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribed incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1951, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida, and we

hereby make and submit this Charter, and certify that the facts herein contained, are true.

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Maroutime H. Tohakarian L.S.

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Mardiros Dersahakian L.S.

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Sam Woomjian L.S.

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John Kulhanjian L.S.

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Kenneth Korkorian L.S.

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Dieran Khoyan L.S.