

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS .
OF .
SARANSTHAN INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP .
NEW YORK NON-PROFIT RELIGIOUS CORPORATION .

Article I .

Name and Principal Office .

Saransthan International Fellowship is the name of this corporation. The official church office is at 100 Willow Ridge Drive, Amherst, NY. The church has full authority to change the principal office from one location to another.

Article II

Purpose

Glorifying God and fulfilling the Great Commission (Matt. 28: 19-20) in every generation is the only vision of this fellowship. Reaching the unreached nations and saving the unsaved souls is the main purpose of this corporation. The discipleship Ministry through the spiritual Multiplication Method is the key to open the closed doors of salvation. The Disciple making process has been vividly coined under these four points:

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| A. Win | - Go and make disciples | (Mathew 28:19-20) |
| B. Build | - Nurture through God's Word | (Heb. 10:25) |
| C. Train | - Equip the faithful leaders | (2 Timothy 2:2) |
| D. Send | - Appoint leaders for witnessing of Christ | (Acts 1:8) |

Article III

Statement of Faith

A. God

We believe in the triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:26)

B. The Scripture

We affirm the Holy Bible as the inspired breath of God. (Exodus 24:4)

C. Man

Man was created by God (Gen 2:7), and fell into sin (Gen 3:9), and can only be restored in relationship with God by God's grace.

D. Salvation

We strongly believe that salvation is only possible by the Grace of the Lord through faith in Jesus and not by works. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

E. Church

A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is an autonomous local congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel. The New Testament also speaks of the church as the Body of Christ which includes all the redeemed of all the ages.

F. Ordinances

Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's crucifixion, burial and resurrection with Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-4).

The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience memorializing the death of the Redeemer and anticipating His second coming (1 Cor 11:23-29).

G. Marriage

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture. (Matthew 19:6b)

H. Evangelism and Missions

The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Article IV

Affiliation

Saransthan International Fellowship is autonomous and maintains full authority to govern its own affairs. However, this Church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention in its national, state and local expressions and views the Baptist Faith and Message (2000) as a guide to our teaching.

BYLAWS

Article V

Membership

Section I

Membership comprises every baptized person of this Church who meets the requirements for membership (see Section II) and has been received by vote by the Leadership Committee at a regular meeting of the Committee.

Section II

Qualification for Membership (Reception)

- 1) Commitment of faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.
- 2) Baptism by immersion as a testimony of salvation.
- 3) Agreement with the Statement of Faith.
- 4) Agreement with Church ByLaws (and included Church Covenant).

Section III

Rights of Membership

- 1) Every member has equal opportunity to participate in local SIF Church Services.
- 2) Church properties belong to the SIF Corporation and not to individual members.
- 3) Members over the age of 18 have the opportunity to vote at congregational business meetings (unless he/she is under church discipline – see Section VI).

Section IV

Membership Termination

The membership in the church may be terminated by action of the Leadership Committee in the following situations:

- 1) Failure to participate in any regular local Church services for one year without an explanation acceptable to the Leadership Committee.
- 2) Participating in criminal or unholy activities without repentance and proper response to church discipline (Galatians 5:19-21).
- 3) Creating chaos and conflicts in the Church (Titus 3:10).
- 4) Attending and supporting a church other than Saranathan International Fellowship (unless under the direction and encouragement of the Leadership Committee).
- 5) Upon transfer of membership to a church of like faith.
- 6) Death of the member.

Section V

Membership Responsibilities

- 1) Regularly attend church services; for example, activities established for Women, Men, Youth, Children, Visitation, Bible Study and Worship. (Hebrews 10:25)
- 2) Active and fruitful in evangelism and discipleship. (Mathew 28:19-20)

- 3) Faithful in giving time, talent and treasure to the Lord. (Malachi 3:10)
- 4) Maintain peace and harmony among the community and provide assistance to needy members.
- 5) Fulfill the Purpose of the Church (see Constitution: Article II).

Section VI

Membership under Discipline (Matthew 18:15-17)

The Church member will be under discipline in the following situations:

- 1) Living an unrepentant, ungodly life; for example, the continued misuse of alcohol or drugs, adultery, murder, etc.
- 2) Prolonged absence from local SIF church services.
- 3) Not submissive to church leadership authority.

Section VII

Membership Restoration

Upon confession and repentance, a former member may be restored to membership by action of the Leadership Committee. (Luke 15:24)

Article VI

Church Covenant

Having been led as individuals by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to sustain its worship, ordinances, doctrines, and discipline; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and personal devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our family and acquaintances; to be just in our dealings and faithful in our commitments, doing all things in excellence; to avoid all gossip and excessive anger, to promote forgiveness and family unity. To avoid the defilement of our minds and body (the temple of the Holy Spirit), we are against sexual immorality, pornography and other addictive behaviors, the use of tobacco, and the misuse of alcohol and drugs. (Ephesians 5:18, I Corinthians 6:18-20).

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; and to be slow to take offense, always ready for reconciliation following the example of our Savior.

We hereby commit ourselves to one another and to the glory of God.

Article VII

Church Leadership

Section I

Church Officers

All the Church officers must be members of the Church with sound testimony. They should be fruitful and active in the church ministries.

The following Church Officers comprise the Leadership Committee with some persons serving in multiple roles such that the Committee has 9 members (At-Large members may be added to bring the count to 9). Replacements for these officers will be nominated by the existing Leadership Committee and voted on by the body at a congregational business meeting.

A. Roles & Responsibilities

1. Senior Pastor: The Senior Pastor will serve as the president of the corporation and will oversee all internal church ministries such as teaching, preaching and counseling.
2. Assistant Pastor: The pastor's assistant will serve actively under the supervision of the Senior Pastor.
3. Board of Trustees: The Trustees must maintain the legal issues in the church. There will be three trustees in the church; each will serve a three year term on a rotation basis such that one trustee will be replaced or re-elected each year. (Trustees can serve no more than three consecutive terms – 9 years.)
The trustees will:
 - a) Act as legal representatives of the church and execute any documents to successfully accomplish the purpose of the corporation.
 - b) Evaluate and recommend the Church Staffs' salary for the Annual Budget.
4. Deacons: The Deacons serve under the direction of the Senior Pastor to assist in the spiritual leadership of the Church.

Note: The following officers are to be elected annually (in December) to serve January through December of the following year.

5. Church Administrator: The Church Administrator will serve as secretary of the corporation.
6. Finance Coordinator: The Finance Coordinator will oversee and maintain accurate records of the account(s) of the corporation. He shall also keep the updates of reception and disbursement of funds.

7. Chief Counselor: The Chief Counselor will serve as the tie-breaking vote when a majority cannot be determined or a decision reached; His/her decision is the decision of the Committee but may be amended if needed. In general, a majority vote will be effective.
8. Counselor: The Counselor aids the Leadership Committee by assisting in day-to-day decisions on behalf of the Committee.

B. Termination of Officers

1. In the event an officer desires to resign from their position, they must provide a written resignation to the Leadership Committee, preferably with three months' notice.
2. In the event that an officer is not fulfilling their responsibilities to the approval of the Leadership Committee, the Leadership shall inform the officer of a need for improvement and, if corrections are not made within three months, the officer will be asked to resign or will be removed by vote of the Leadership Committee.
3. Upon the termination of the Sr. Pastor, the Leadership Committee has the responsibility and authority to continue the work of the church, assuring Biblical preaching, teaching and leadership continue, and, in time, identifying and appointing a new Sr. Pastor.

Section II

Committees

- A. Leadership Committee – officers of the church as described in Article VI. Item II. This Committee is the governing body of the church and has authority to direct the activities of the church. They also serve as the Nominating Committee.
- B. Finance Committee – is made up of the Finance Coordinator and his/her assistants as well as other members to be defined by the Leadership Committee. This committee is responsible to develop and present a proposed annual budget, to monitor receipts and expenditures to assure financial viability of the church, and to authorize payments and purchases as authorized by the approved budget in keeping with available funds. They will work with direction from the Leadership Committee to address situations where sufficient funds are not available OR when excess funds are available and decisions are to be made on their use.
- C. Counseling Committee – this is a committee appointed by the Leadership Committee to provide personal and family counseling as needed by members of the church.

Article VIII

Church Meetings

- A. Congregational business meetings will be called by the Administrator by means of a written notice distributed at a Sunday worship service with at least one week's notice. This meeting will be moderated by the Chairman of the Leadership Committee or his/her designate. All members are encouraged to attend and participate.
- B. Leadership Committee meetings will be called by the Administrator by means of a written notice distributed at a Sunday worship service with at least one week's notice. This meeting will be moderated by the Chairman of the Leadership Committee or his/her designate.

Article IX

Reports and Records

The Church will keep the records and reports of the following:

- 1) Church Membership Directory and membership cards.
- 2) Minutes of each congregational business meeting
- 3) Minutes of each meeting of the Leadership Committee.
- 4) Books and records of the Accounts.
- 5) Records of tithers (with names and proper addresses).
- 6) Statement of contributors.
- 7) Directories of Youth, Children, Olds, Women, Teenagers, and Men.

Article X

Amendments to the Bylaws

These Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-third majority of the votes of the Leadership Committee. All such changes will be recorded in the Change Log.

Change Log

Revision	Replaces	Approval Date
Approved at Church Business Meeting		

Certificate of Secretary:

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the acting secretary of Saransthan International Fellowship,
a non-profit Religious corporation, and the above bylaws of this corporation as adopted
_____, 2013

Executed at Buffalo, New York, the _____ day of _____, 2013

Church Secretary



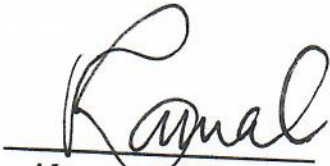
"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in him will I trust."

SARANSTHAN INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

June 25, 2015

Baptist Church of Saransthan International Fellowship is a nonprofit 501 C 3 Organization under Southern Baptist Convention of United States of America, recently ministering in Buffalo, NY

The Mission Committee of Saransthan Int. Fellowship recommends pastor Purna Tamang and Ganga Tamang to facilitate the Earth Quakes Victims of Nepal with their mediate needs.


Kamal Tamang
(Administrator)


Bikash Sarki
(Treasurer)

176 Imperial Drive Amherst, NY 14226
Phone # 716-464-8150
climboneverest@gmail.com

Incorporation Certificate of a Baptist Church

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

of Saranathan International Fellowship.

We, the subscribers, pursuant to and in conformity with an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled "The Religious Corporations Law," being chapter 53 of the laws of 1909, and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, do declare and certify: That a notice of meeting for incorporating the unincorporated Congregation of Saranathan International Fellowship whose place of worship is located in the City of Buffalo, Erie County and State of New York, was duly conspicuously posted on the outside door of the main entrance to our place of worship on June, 10 2012, and duly publicly read at the (two) regular meetings for public worship, June, 17 2012 and June, 24 2012. That pursuant to said notice, a meeting of said Congregation was duly held and it was decided as follows:

1. That said Congregation should become incorporated and be known as Saranathan International Fellowship.
2. That the place of worship is to be in the said County of Erie and State of New York.
3. That the number of trustees shall be three, and the names of such trustees and the terms for which they were respectively elected to hold office are as follows:

Bikash Sarki,

1 Year; 18 Garner St. Buffalo, NY.14213.

Janga Waiba,

2 Years; 266 Parkdale Ave. Buffalo, NY.14213.

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ERIE

SS.



I, CHRISTOPHER L. JACOBS, Clerk of the County of Erie, and also Clerk of the Supreme and County Courts for said County, the same being Courts of Record, do hereby certify that

Migdalena Ruiz
whose name is subscribed to the deposition, certificate of acknowledgement, of proof of the annexed instrument, was at the time of taking the same a NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of New York: that pursuant to law and commission, or a certificate of his appointment and qualifications and his autograph signature, have been filed in my office: that as such Notary Public he was duly authorized by the laws of the State of New York to administer oaths and affirmations to receive and certify the acknowledgement of proof of deeds, mortgages, powers of attorney and other written instruments for lands, tenements and hereditaments to be read in evidence or recorded in this state, to protect notes and to take and certify affidavits and depositions; and that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary Public, have compared the signature on the annexed instrument with his autograph signature deposited in my office, and believe that the signature is genuine.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Courts at Buffalo.

This *9th* day of *June* *2014*

N.P. No. 3397

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Christopher L. Jacobs
Christopher L. Jacobs
ERIE COUNTY CLERK

CLERK



Executive Committee
Southern Baptist Convention

OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

June 3, 2013

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to state that *Saransthan International Fellowship* of Buffalo, New York (as well as ministries sponsored by the same) has in time past communicated to the Southern Baptist Convention its desire to be a missionary Baptist church in friendly cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention and has demonstrated its support of Southern Baptist work in accordance with the SBC Constitution, Article III, and is, therefore, included in the SBC's 501(c)(3) group tax exemption ruling number GEN #1674 as a cooperating church.

Attached is a copy of the group ruling dated August 10, 1990 as well as an updated confirmation dated December 20, 2004.

Sincerely,

William (Bill) Townes, Jr., CPA
Vice President of Convention Finance

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Enclosures



Executive Committee
Southern Baptist Convention

OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

June 3, 2013

John Tamang, Pastor
Saransthan International Fellowship
100 Willow Ridge Dr
Amherst, NY 14228

Dear Pastor Tamang:

Enclosed is a letter and attachments that you can use for federal tax exemption under section 501 (c) 3 for your church.

The enclosed documents relate only to exemption from federal taxes and the ability to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. Exemptions from state Sales and Use Taxes and Property Taxes are determined by individual state laws.

Sincerely,

William (Bill) Townes, Jr., CPA
Vice President of Convention Finance

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Enclosures

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Internal Revenue Service

Date: December 20, 2004

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN
BAPTIST CONVENTION
% MORRIS H CHAPMAN PRES & CHIEF EX
901 COMMERCE ST STE 750
NASHVILLE TN 37203-3600 754

Department of the Treasury
P. O. Box 2508
Cincinnati, OH 45201

Person to Contact:
Richard E. Owens 31-07974
Customer Service Representative

Toll Free Telephone Number:
8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. EST
877-829-5500

Fax Number:
513-263-3756

Group Exemption Number:
1674

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to your request of December 20, 2004 regarding a copy of your organization's group exemption letter.

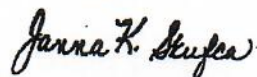
In August 1964 we issued a determination letter that recognized your organization as exempt from federal income tax. Our records indicate that your organization is currently exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Based on the information submitted, we recognized the subordinates named on the list your organization supplied as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Our records indicate that contributions to your organization are deductible under section 170 of the Code, and that you are qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code.

If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,



Janna K. Skufca, Director, TE/GE
Customer Account Services



New York State Department of Taxation and Finance
New York State and Local Sales and Use Tax
**Exempt Organization
Exempt Purchase Certificate**

ST-119.
(2/1)

☐ Single purchase certificate

☐ Blanket certificate

Your exempt organization number
is not your federal employer
identification number (see instructions).

Exempt organization number (6-digit number
issued by the New York State Tax Department)

EX - 2151711516

Name of seller			Name of exempt organization/purchaser		
Street address			Street address		
City			City		
State			State		
ZIP code			ZIP code		

Saranathan International Fellowship
100 Willow Ridge Dr
Amherst NY 14228

The exempt organization must be the direct purchaser and payer of record.

You may **not** use this form to purchase motor fuel or diesel motor fuel exempt from tax.

Representatives of governmental agencies or diplomatic missions may **not** use this form.

Carefully read the instructions and other information on the back of this document.

I certify that the organization named above holds a valid Form ST-119, *Exempt Organization Certificate*, and is exempt from New York State and local sales and use taxes on its purchases.

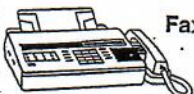
I also certify that the above statements are true and correct. I make these statements with the knowledge that knowingly making a false or fraudulent statement on this document is a misdemeanor under section 1817 of the New York State Tax Law and section 210.45 of the Penal Law, punishable by imprisonment for up to a year and a fine of up to \$10,000 for an individual or \$20,000 for a corporation. I understand that the Tax Department is authorized to investigate the validity of the exemption claimed or the accuracy of any information entered on this form.

Print or type name of officer of organization	Title
Signature of officer of organization	Date issued

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7 days a week.

1 800 748-3676



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5:00 P.M. (eastern time), Monday through Friday.

To order forms and publications: 1 800 462-8100

Business Tax Information Center: 1 800 972-1233

From areas outside the U.S. and
outside Canada: (518) 485-6800



Hotline for the hearing and speech impaired:

If you have access to a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), contact us at 1 800 634-2110. If you do not own a TDD, check with independent living centers or community action programs to find out where machines are available for public use.



Persons with disabilities: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, we will ensure that our lobbies, offices, meeting rooms, and other facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. If you have questions about special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call 1 800 972-1233.



If you need to write, address your letter to:

NYS TAX DEPARTMENT
BUSINESS TAX INFORMATION CENTER
W A HARRIMAN CAMPUS
ALBANY NY 12227