

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR RELIGIOUS LAND USE PERMIT
CHURCH (PERMITTEE)**

1. This religious land use permit is issued to the _____, _____ to use and occupy Navajo Nation Trust Lands for religious purposes, and shall be subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein. The term of the religious land use permit is effective beginning on the date the permit is signed by the Navajo Nation President and is approved by the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council or authorized representative. The Religious land use permit is authorized by Resources and Development Committee No. _____.
2. This permit is revocable at the discretion of the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The permit shall immediately be revoked for the failure to use the land herein described for religious purposes. It is understood and agreed that this instrument is 'NOT A LEASE' and is not to be taken or construed as granting any leasehold interest or right in or to the land herein described, but is merely a temporary permit, terminable and revocable.
3. The Permittee shall be given at least thirty (30) days written notice before this religious land use permit is terminated and revoked, unless the Permittee submits written notice to the Navajo Nation requesting that the religious land use permit be revoke sooner. Upon termination of the Mission Site Permit, the Permittee shall have ninety (90) days in which to remove from the site to dispose of any and all buildings, structures, materials and equipment and other personal property owned by the religious organization. After the expiration of the ninety (90) days, the Permittee shall peacefully and without legal process deliver the possession of the premises to the Navajo Nation. All improvements not removed after ninety (90) days will become the property of the Navajo Nation, unless the Navajo Nation demands in writing that the improvements be removed.
4. This Permit is not transferable, except with the consent of the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.
5. This Permit shall be ten (10) years and reviewed every five (5) years to reevaluate the rent and compliance with the terms and conditions.
6. The legal land description of the premises is described as follows:

TRACT DESCRIPTION

Said Parcel containing _____ ± acres more or less in area and being subject to any restrictions, easements, and reservations of record.

7. In accordance with 16 N.N.C. §1157, the annual rate will be \$15.00 per acre per year and is due on December 30, prior to the year for which the fees are due per 16 N.N.C. §1164. Pursuant to 16 N.N.C. §1164, if the Permittee fails to pay the rent when due, this permit shall automatically terminate. The Permittee is responsible to make direct payments to the Navajo Nation Accounts Receivable Section, Post Office Box 3150, Window Rock, Arizona 86515.
8. The Permittee may develop, use and occupy the area under the permit for the purpose(s) of conducting religious or other related activities. The Permittee may not develop, use or occupy the area under the permit for any other purpose without the prior written approval of the Navajo Nation. The approval of the Navajo Nation may be granted, granted upon conditions or withheld in the sole discretion of the Navajo Nation. The Permittee may not develop, use or occupy the area under the permit for any unlawful purpose.
9. In all activities conducted by the Permittee within the Navajo Nation, the Permittee shall abide by all laws and regulations of the Navajo Nation and of the United States, now in force and effect or as hereafter may come into force and effect including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 162;
 - b. All applicable federal and Navajo Nation antiquities laws and regulations, with the following additional condition: In the event of a discovery all operations in the immediate vicinity of the discovery must cease and the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department must be notified immediately. As used herein, “discovery” means any previously unidentified or incorrectly identified cultural resources, including but not limited to archeological deposits, human remains, or location reportedly associated with Native American religious/traditional beliefs or practices;
 - c. The Navajo Preference in Employment Act, 15 N.N.C. §§ 601 et seq., and the Navajo Nation Business Opportunity Law, 5 N.N.C. §§ 201 et seq.; and
 - d. The Navajo Nation Water Code, 22 N.N.C. § 1101 et seq. Permittee shall apply for and submit all applicable permits and information to the Navajo Nation Water Resources Department, or its successor.
10. The Permittee shall ensure that the air quality of the Navajo Nation is not jeopardized due to violation of applicable laws and regulations by its operations pursuant to the permit.
11. The Permittee shall clear and keep clear the lands within the permit area to the extent compatible with the purpose of the permit, and shall dispose of all vegetation and other materials cut, uprooted, or otherwise accumulated during any surface disturbance activities.

12. The Permittee shall at all times during the term of the permit and at the Permittee's sole cost and expense, maintain the land subject to the permit and all improvements located thereon and make all necessary and reasonable repairs.
13. The Permittee shall indemnify and hold harmless the Navajo Nation and their respective authorized agents, employees, land users and occupants, against any liability for loss of life, personal injury and property damages arising from the development, use or occupancy or use of the permit area by the Permittee.
14. The Permittee shall not assign, convey or transfer, in any manner whatsoever, the permit or any interest therein, or in or to any of the improvements on the land subject to the permit, without the prior written consent of the Navajo Nation. Any such attempted assignment, conveyance or transfer of the permit without such prior written consent shall be void and of no effect. The consent of the Navajo Nation may be granted, granted upon condition or withheld in the sole discretion of the Navajo Nation.
15. The Navajo Nation may terminate the permit for violation of any of the terms and conditions stated herein. In addition, the permit shall be terminable in whole or part by the Navajo Nation or authorized representative for any of the following causes:
 - a. Failure to comply with any terms and conditions of the permit or of applicable laws or regulations;
 - b. Non-use of the permit; and
 - c. The use of the land subject to the permit for any purpose inconsistent with the purpose for which the permit is granted.
16. At the termination of the permit, the Permittee shall peaceably and without legal process deliver up the possession of the premises, in good condition, usual wear and tear excepted. Upon the written request of the Navajo Nation, the Permittee shall provide the Navajo Nation, at the Permittee's sole cost and expense, with an environmental audit assessment of the premises at least sixty (60) days prior to delivery of said premises.
17. The Permittee shall give written notice to the General Land Development Department regarding any change to the Permittee's contact information, address, leadership, organizational name, or any other substantial change to the organization. The notice shall be given within thirty (30) days and delivered to the General Land Development Department at Post Office Box 69, St. Michaels, Arizona 86511.
18. Holding over by the Permittee after the termination of the permit shall not constitute a renewal or extension thereof or give the Permittee any rights hereunder or in or to the land subject to the permit or to any improvements located thereon.
19. The Navajo Nation shall have the right, at any reasonable time during the term of the permit, to enter upon the premises, or any part thereof, to inspect the same and any improvements located thereon.
20. By acceptance of the grant of permit, the Permittee consents to the full territorial legislative, executive and judicial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation, including but not limited to the jurisdiction

to levy fines and to enter judgements for compensatory and punitive damages and injunctive relief, in connection with all activities conducted by the Permittee within the Navajo Nation or which have a proximate (legal) effect on persons or property within the Navajo Nation.

21. By acceptance of the grant of the permit, the Permittee covenants and agrees never to contest or challenge the legislative, executive or judicial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation on the basis that such jurisdiction is inconsistent with the status of the Navajo Nation as an Indian nation, or that the Navajo Nation government is not a government of general jurisdiction, or that the Navajo Nation government does not possess full police power (i.e., the power to legislate and regulate for the general health and welfare) over all lands, persons and activities within its territorial boundaries, or on any other basis not generally applicable to a similar challenge to the jurisdiction of a state government. Nothing contained in this provision shall be construed to negate or impair federal responsibilities with respect to the land subject to the permit or to the Navajo Nation.
22. Any action or proceeding brought by the Permittee against the Navajo Nation in connection with or arising out of the terms and conditions of the permit shall be resolved administratively under the laws of the Navajo Nation and no action or proceeding shall be brought by the Permittee against the Navajo Nation, in any court of any state.
23. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as constituting a waiver, express or implied, of the sovereign immunity of the Navajo Nation.
24. Except as prohibited by applicable federal law, the law of the Navajo Nation shall govern the construction, performance and enforcement of the terms and conditions contained herein.
25. The terms and conditions contained herein shall extend to and be binding upon the successors, heirs, assigns, executors, administrators, employees and agents, including all contractors and subcontractors, of the Permittee, and the term "Permittee," whenever used herein, shall be deemed to include all such successors, heirs, assigns, executors, administrators, employees and agents.
26. There is expressly reserved to the Navajo Nation full territorial legislative, executive and judicial jurisdiction over the area under the permit and all lands burdened by the permit, including without limitation over all persons, including the public, and all activities conducted or otherwise occurring within the area under the permit; and the area under the permit and all lands burdened by the permit shall be and forever remain Navajo Indian Country for purposes of Navajo Nation jurisdiction.

Date: _____

Date: _____

By: _____
(Church Name)

Permittee

By: _____

**Navajo Land Department Manager
Division of Natural Resources**