



# articles of incorporation

## for the Circle of Friends Hand in Hand Social Centre Mwanza of the Protestant parish of Gauangelloch

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### preamble

The Evangelische Landeskirche in Baden confesses with all its members and congregations to the Church of Jesus Christ. In the community of all Christianity, it testifies to the Gospel of all people by proclaiming the Word of God, administering the sacraments and serving love with action. Christians pass on the love they themselves experience by turning to people in need. Christian faith and practiced neighborlove belong inseparably together.

The parish council of the Protestant parish of Gauangelloch is aware of this Christian obligation and in its meeting of 19 February 2019 unanimously decided to found the circle of friends defined in these statutes.

### § 1

#### Name | Location | Financial year

- (1) Name: **Circle of Friends Hand in Hand Social Centre Mwanza**
- (2) It has its seat at the address of the **Protestant parish Gauangelloch, Ochsenbacher Str. 4 in 69181 Leimen-Gauangelloch.**
- (3) The project partner in Tanzania is officially registered at the following address:  
**Hand in Hand Social Centre Mwanza, P.O.Box 11725 Mwanza/Tanzania**
- (4) The financial year is the calendar year

## § 2

### Purpose | Goals | Activities

- (1) The purpose of the Circle of Friends is to provide non-material and material support to the Tanzanian project partner in the implementation of its goals, which are explained in more detail below.
- (2) The goals are directed towards the care of people such as orphans and women who are oppressed in their families and have no (more) perspective. For this purpose, a social centre is being set up where people in need of various types of advice can be provided. These include the elderly, street children, HIV-infected, widows and orphaned children and adolescents who need advice and help in coping with life.
- (3) The support of the Tanzanian project partner includes an exchange of knowledge and experience, among other things through visits to Mwanza, which then also provide direct insights into the accounts there.
- (4) The social centre in Mwanza is already engaged in various activities and has begun erecting a building in which the tasks can be further expanded in the future. Dedicated, motivated personnel is available. The current activities can only be promoted with external support.
- (5) These activities include in detail:
  - Courses about medicinal plants native to Africa, which can be cultivated by the participants themselves. This action gives people work and the opportunity to help themselves and others.
  - The formation of working groups that produce tea, tinctures and ointments from medicinal plants and learn their application and effects.
  - A point of sale for medical products is also to be built at the social centre. In addition, a mobile clinic is to be maintained for care and success control.
  - Cultivation of vegetables and fruits
  - Spiritual events, such as Bible readings and Bible interpretations
  - Day care for children who are not yet in school and whose mothers are employed or ill.
  - Setting up a tailor's shop is a promising project as there are women in work and the products can be sold.

## § 3

### administration

The funds of the Circle of Friends are a special earmarked fund of the Church. They shall be administered separately from the other assets of the parish. A separate bank account was set up for this purpose:

Protestant parish Gauangelloch, VoBa Neckartal, IBAN: DE07 6729 1700 0005 0591 27

Asset management, including auditing, shall be subject to the provisions of the Church Budget Law applicable to the Churches.

## **§ 4**

### **non-profit status**

- (1) The Circle of Friends was founded as a unit of the Protestant parish of Gauangelloch.
- (2) The circle of friends is selflessly active; it pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes. It does not pursue any economic interests of its own.
- (3) Funds of the circle of friends may only be used for the statutory purposes as specified in § 2.
- (4) If the circle of friends is dissolved, any funds available will be transferred to the Gauangelloch parish, which must use them exclusively and directly for charitable purposes.
- (5) A distinction is made between project-related donations in kind and financial contributions. For both, donation receipts can be issued according to the requirements of § 10b EstG.

## **§ 5**

### **membership**

Anyone can become a member of the Circle of Friends regardless of their place of residence, confession or ideology.

## **§ 6**

### **Leading members**

- (1) The circle of friends elects up to three leading members from among its members, who are responsible for the coordination of the various local tasks in Germany and for communication with the Tanzanian project partner.
- (2) They basically act in the sense of a primus inter pares.
- (3) They shall ensure compliance with the Articles of Association.
- (4) They agree on priorities for their work with each other.
- (5) In particular, they are responsible for the financial interests of the circle of friends.
- (6) They take up ideas and impulses of the circle of friends in a suitable way.
- (7) You can delegate certain tasks to other members.
- (8) They invite together to circle of friends meetings.

## **§ 7**

### **Assisting and advising members**

- (1) All other members are working or advisory members.
- (2) They are regularly asked about their interests and possible applications.
- (3) Your cooperation and contribution is always welcome.
- (4) The task of all members is to recruit donations.

## **§ 8**

### **Internal rules and regulations**

The Circle of Friends shall adopt internal rules and regulations, which shall be reviewed at least once a year and updated if necessary.

## **§ 9**

### **Binding nature of the Statutes**

These statutes are to be handed over to each member of the circle of friends as well as each donor on request.

## **§ 10**

### **Place | Date | Signatures**

Leimen, 3 April 2019