

# **ATTACHMENT I**

## **PART IV**

### **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES**

Taoist Tribe 2012

TAOIST TRIBE formed in 2012 in response to the ever mounting exhibition of religious intolerance in the United States and the World. As demonstrated, religion has the capacity to keep people separated. It is the goal of TAOIST TRIBE to reignite the fundamental aspect of spirituality within religion by enhancing the body, mind, and spirit as a common practice to promote global peace, friendship, and camaraderie under the umbrella of Taoist doctrine.

At TAOIST TRIBE we strive to promote free thinking, environmental stewardship and holistic arts within the community we serve. This aim is carried out in a two step process. First, our founder authors religious books that display the fundamental ideas and insights of Taoist practice. Second, we work alongside volunteers and members to lead guided instruction in Yoga, Feng Shuei, Meditation, Martial Arts, Taoist history, Nature Walks, I Ching, Chi massage and Religious retreats to increase inner awareness and spiritual enlightenment for those involved.

Our religious organization endeavors to expand operations to new communities as support grows so friendships and the Taoist ethic can be harvested in new regions.

The primary objectives and purposes of this religious organization shall be the: (a) promotion of Taoist beliefs including (1) the encouragement of individual and collective growth of individuals through the benefits of spiritual enlightenment through religious practice (2) fostering of friendships that develop through the values of spirituality (3) promotion of the positive image of an all-inclusive, non-discriminatory religion; (4) promotion of global peace by providing the means for cultural and inter ethnic understanding of religions and histories; (5) organization and aid in the education of practicing Taoist members through exposure to Taoist belief (6) provision and maintenance of a common of religious ground in California in general and in the Los Angeles area, specifically, and other areas as the need arises; (7) engagement in fundraising projects so as to raise and obtain money for the purpose of supporting our community service projects; (8) advertising of holistic arts classes, practices, and retreats in and around California; (9) encouraging Los Angeles and other communities to become involved with the promotion of the Taoist religion.

#### **BENEFITS (1)**

Not only are these practices used to promote the peaceful nature of Taoism and the holistic arts as it pertains to peace, spirituality and environmental protection; the organization will also serve to tout religious and intercultural understanding in the effort to promote peace within ourselves and our communities.

By bridging relations from one culture or religion to another, a broad perspective is developed between participants. Fostering cultural diversification in our members in this regard draws cultural connections despite religion, standard of living, or other differences that are quickly forgotten through common ground found in the practice of holistic arts. Taoist Tribe aims to promote global peace in that regard in so much that time and again the practice of Taoism's peace loving properties and environmental stewardship have proven its ability to bring people together, to dissolve differences through a commonly revered practice, and to distract members of the congregation from personal or national strife. In accordance to the above mentioned principles promoted by Taoist Tribe, it achieves its most accomplished benefits by providing a simple means of enhancing life experience by learning about Taoism belief.

## BENEFITS (2)

The religious service provided by Taoist Tribe as described above is primarily directed toward individuals dedicated to fostering peaceful relations internally and within the immediate community. Donations accepted are not limited to other organizations practicing Taoism; the opportunity to contribute to our community service projects is open to all interested in participating. There are no limitations set in terms of what organizations or individuals are eligible to practice Taoism. There are no membership dues required.