

Iowaska Church of Healing Receives Federal Religious Exemption for Ayahuasca, Marking a New Chapter in Spiritual Healing

After more than seven years of legal perseverance, the Iowa-based Church prepares to expand its mission of healing, spiritual awakening, and dedicated service.

DES MOINES, Iowa | [Release Date] — Iowaska Church of Healing has received a religious exemption and statutory registrations from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), authorizing the Church's sacramental use of ayahuasca within the United States under the terms of its agreement with the agency.

Together with the Church's newly secured registrations from the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, the milestone represents the culmination of more than seven years of legal perseverance, regulatory cooperation, and dedication to establishing a lawful foundation for sacred religious practice.

Founded by Shaman BaBa DaDo, Iowaska Church of Healing is an interfaith spiritual organization devoted to awakening the divine within, fostering meaningful healing, and helping individuals rediscover their connection to themselves, one another, and the greater whole.

Rooted in ancestral wisdom and sacred ceremony, the Church's mission extends far beyond the ceremonial experience itself. Through spiritual teachings, integration, community, and compassionate service, it seeks to help people bring spiritual awakening into their everyday lives, creating lasting transformation not only within individuals, but also within families and communities.

“The Divine has never belonged to one religion, one nation, or one people” said BaBa DaDo. **“ It is present in every human heart - waiting to be remembered. For many years, we have carried this vision with love. I have personally carried the pain of war in my heart, not to drown in sorrow, but to rise with purpose. Pain can become a doorway to healing. May what begins here help heal many hearts as we are not separate, but rather branches of the same tree, growing toward the light, nourished by the same divine source.”**

The Church's achievement reflects years of dedicated collaboration and exceptional legal counsel. Attorneys Bill Boatwright of Dentons Davis Brown in Iowa and Simon Steel of Dentons US LLP in Washington, D.C., have been instrumental throughout the Church's complex legal

and regulatory journey. Their expertise, dedication, and perseverance, alongside the contributions of numerous attorneys and professionals, have played a vital role in bringing this historic milestone to fruition.

For Executive Director Jennifer Coleman, the milestone represents both a profound achievement and a responsibility to carry the Church's mission forward.

“At the heart of this work is a deep desire to serve,” said Coleman. “The significance of this historic accomplishment reaches beyond religion or law. We hear from so many people searching for healing, meaning, and a deeper connection to their own lives. People deserve the opportunity to explore those possibilities safely and with experienced support. These exemptions are a vital step in that direction.”

Among the Church's developing initiatives is **Spirit of Valor**, a program dedicated to supporting veterans and their families as they navigate the often-invisible wounds of military service. Inspired in part by BaBa DaDo's own experience surviving the devastation of war, the initiative seeks to create opportunities for veteran healing, connection, and renewed purpose through compassionate, veteran-centered programming.

With its federal and state authorizations secured, Iowa Church of Healing is entering its next phase of development, including preparations for sacramental ceremonies, expanded spiritual education and integration offerings, community gatherings, and the continued development of Spirit of Valor. The Church is also advancing its application for federal recognition as a 501(c)(3) public charity.

As this work unfolds, Iowa Church of Healing welcomes relationships with individuals, philanthropic supporters, veteran-serving organizations, and mission-aligned partners who share its commitment to spiritual freedom, safe and responsible practice, and service to humanity.

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