

PRESS RELEASE

The Church of the Eagle and the Condor

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PRESERVATION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM INITIATIVE Building a path toward the responsible and legal use of sacred Ayahuasca

TEMPE, ARIZONA, March 11, 2021 – Our goal is to set a reliable and consistent precedent for churches that use ayahuasca as their sacrament under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

The Church of the Eagle and the Condor, in partnership with the Chacruna Institute are raising \$100,000 to investigate and resolve disputes concerning US Customs and Border Patrol seizure of ayahuasca shipments. The sacred tea is used as the Church of the Eagle and the Condor's religious sacrament. Currently, there is no process in place to properly label and import Ayahuasca into the United States without putting oneself at significant legal risk.

Specifically, this initiative will:

- Petition the federal government to acknowledge the legitimacy of Indigenous traditional practice of sacred ayahuasca ceremony.
- Using the Freedom of Information Act, we will seek to discover the current status of the seizure cases and disposition of Ayahuasca that has been seized (are they keeping it safe, refrigerated, or are they destroying it) by US Customs and Border Patrol.
- Petition and work with US Customs and Border Patrol to establish a process for practitioners to request return of seized Ayahuasca to their respective churches.

Founded in 2018, the Church of the Eagle and the Condor is a 501(c) Non-Profit organization based in Arizona. The Church is dedicated to the reunification of humanity in fulfillment of the Prophecy of the Eagle and the Condor.

Call To Action

Our goal is to raise \$100,000. The funds raised will help to pay for legal costs, filing fees, and other resources necessary to complete this initiative. To donate and support this initiative go to: <a href="https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/ayahuasca-religious-freedom-initiative/chacrunainstituteforpsychedelicplantmedicines?utm_campaign=ocdonate&utm_medicum=facebook&utm_source=crowdrise&fbclid=lwAROSHZMSB2KuJnmTINVLrzy8TGyNLCy3a6go8W4GBnXKYHiQmoG9vAm2t2M