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SUBJECT: LIFE CHANGING INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY, INC.

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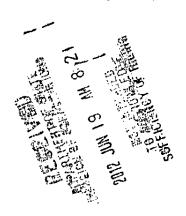
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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF LIFE CHANGING GLOBAL MINISTRY, INC.

The undersigned, being of the legal age of eighteen years or older, does make and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation under and by virtue of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (Not for Profit)

#### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the Corporation is Life Changing Global Ministry, Inc. The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The street address and initial principal office of the Corporation is:

2727 N. John Young Parkway Suite G Kissimmee, FL 34741, Osceola County.

#### ARTICLE III: ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

The corporation is organized as a nonprofit organization pursuant to the Florida Statutes (Not for Profit) for religious, charitable, literary, and educational purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to other organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c) (3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code. Additionally, the corporation is authorized to:

- (1) Organize and conduct worship services, promote fellowship and social interaction among its members;
- (2) Organize fundraising activities to support the needy including men's shelters, women's shelters, Feed the Children, Inc., United Way, Rescue Mission, House of Mercy, and any other charitable causes as deemed appropriate by the corporation;
- (3) Cooperating with God as He helps people receive Jesus and rejoice in the life He gives, and release that life into the world to reveal the glory of God's name;
- (4) Organizing fundraising drives and grant search activities from time to time to secure funding for its programmed activities;
- (5) Engage in any lawful activity for which corporations may be organized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes so long as the corporation does not engage in an activity or activities not in furtherance of one or more tax exempt purposes as contemplated in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

### ARTICLE IV: MANNER OF ELECTIONS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Board of Directors made up of not less than three, and not more than twelve (12) natural persons shall be elected from amongst the members whose term shall be prescribed by the bylaws of this corporation. The initial Board shall be made up of persons named as the initial officers of the corporation in these articles.

#### ARTICLE V: INITIAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the persons who shall constitute the initial officers and Board of Directors shall be as follows:

Ladi Diga, President and Treasurer 1811 Wedgewood Way Kissimmee, FL 34746

Janet Green, Secretary 716 Parrot Ct. Kissimmee, FL 34759

Uchena V. Obidike, Vice President 17907 Tropical Cove Drive Tampa, FL. 33647

#### ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors may cause to be issued certificates, cards, or other instruments permitted by law evidencing membership in the corporation. Such membership shall be divided into covenant partners and regular members as follows:

#### (a) Covenant Partners shall be made up of persons who are:

- (i) Committed to protecting the unity of the corporation by receiving God's grace of listening, including, forgiving, and encouraging, and then applying that grace as they relate to others;
- (ii) Willing to share the ministry and the mission of the corporation by first taking time to discover their spiritual gifts, passions, abilities, personality and experiences and applying that discovery to love others;
- (iii) Voluntarily committed to give a minimum of 10 percent of their income toward financial contribution to support the work of the corporation.

#### (b) Regular Members shall be made up of all other persons who:

- (i) Regularly attend its church services;
- (ii) Have publicly confessed their faith through baptism, and
- (iii) Have chosen a fellowship of believers with which to worship but have not yet fulfilled the requirements to become covenant partners.

#### ARTICLE VII: POWERS AND VOTING RIGHTS

This corporation, its directors, officers, and covenant partners shall exercise all powers as provided in the Florida Statutes. Regular members shall not have the right to vote at the annual or general meetings of the corporation or at the Board of Directors' meetings.

#### ARTICLE VIII: PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these articles of incorporation.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of any propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the Code.

# ATICLE IX: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, scientific or literary purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Code as the Board of Directors shall determine, or to federal, state, or local governments to be used exclusively for public purposes. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organizations, such as the court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes, or to such governments for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE X: PROHIBITED ACTS

The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code nor shall it retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code.

## ARTICLE XI: INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Every Director, Officer, Employee or Agent of the corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including fees reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him or her in connection with any proceedings to which he/she may be made a party, or in which he/she may be involved by reason of having been a Director, Officer, Employee, or Agent of the corporation, or any settlement thereof, except in such cases wherein the Director, Officer, or Employee is adjudged guilty of willful malfeasance in the performance of his/her duties.

#### ARTICLE XII: BYLAWS

Bylaws will be adopted by the initial Board of Directors or repealed or amended in whole or in part at an annual meeting of the Board, but any such resolution repealing or amending the initial bylaws or adopting new bylaws shall require a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors present and entitled to vote.

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# ARTICLE XIII: CORPORATE MAILING ADDRESS

The mailing address of the corporation is:

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1811 Wedgewood Way Kissimmee, FL 34746

#### ARTICLE XIV: REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the registered agent of the corporation is:

Janet Green 716 Parrot Ct. Kissimmee, FL 34759

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Required Signature of Registered Agent

Registered Agent

ARTICLE XV: INCORPORATOR

The name and mailing address of the incorporator is:

Cephas S. Tardzer 643 Koala Court Kissimmee, FL 34759

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s. 817.155, F.S.

Required Signature of Incorporator

Date