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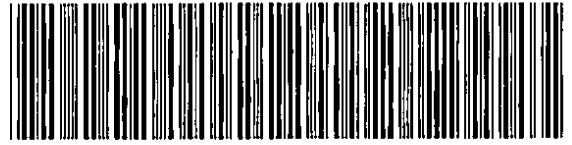
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Fresh Start Ministry OF SOUTHWEST FLOR  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX) INC

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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☐ \$78.75  
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Christopher Menchini  
Name (Printed or typed)

10434 Blue Beach Lane  
Address

Fort Myers, Florida 33908  
City, State & Zip

239 470-2027  
Daytime Telephone number

CHRISMENCHINI@ICLOUD.COM  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

February 22, 2019

CHRISTOPHER MENCHINI  
10434 BLUE BEACH LANE  
FORT MYERS, FL 33908 US

SUBJECT: FRESH START MINSITRY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INC  
Ref. Number: W18000103046

We have received your document for FRESH START MINSITRY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA INC and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The title(s) in the officer/director field(s) is/are not acceptable. Please refer to the following link for acceptable officer/director title information.  
<http://dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/search/guides/corporation-records/title-abbreviations/>

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Tyrone Scott  
Regulatory Specialist II  
New Filings Section

Letter Number: 319A00002766

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FRESH START MINISTRY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a Corporation, pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Article of Incorporation of such corporation.

Article I

**Name of Corporation**

The name of the corporation shall be Fresh Start Ministry of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Article II

**Principal Office and Mailing Address**

The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation shall be:

10434 Blue Beech Lane

Fort Myers, Florida 33913

Article III

**Duration**

The Corporation shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation and Corporation's existence shall be perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

Article IV

**Purposes**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, education, and scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Corporation is a corporation not for profit as defined in Section 617.01401, Florida Statutes. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the Corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Members, Directors, or Officers, except to the extent permissible under law.

The Corporation shall have the power to acquire, own, maintain, and use its assets for the purposes for which it is organized; to raise funds by any legal means for the encouragement of its purposes; to acquire, hold, own, use and dispose of real or personal property in connection with the purposes of the Corporation; and to exercise all the powers necessary or convenient to the furtherance of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized; and to exercise all powers granted to a corporation not for profit under Florida law.

The Corporation shall exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Fresh Start Ministry of Southwest Florida, Inc. shall endeavor to assist individuals that are incarcerated or recently released from

incarceration, and their family members, in both practical and spiritual ways, as they are re-introduced into society. The Ministry believes that being the hands of feet of Jesus Christ to these individuals and their families requires the Ministry and its members to meet the individuals' practical needs, such as temporary housing, food, education, job-placement, etc. The Ministry believes that being the hands of feet of Jesus Christ to the individuals and their families requires the Ministry and its members to meet the individuals' spiritual needs by sharing with them the truth of Jesus Christ's love and payment for their sins on a cross, by introducing them to Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior, and by sharing and showing them the freedom from thought and behavioral bondage and addictions that is found in being a follower of Jesus.

The Ministry hopes that through its dual approach, Ministry members will be able to develop deep, intentional relationships with these individuals as the members walk alongside them and through these intentional relationships the impacted individuals will reach a decision point of placing their faith in the person and work of Jesus for their personal salvation and pursue a new life course of being continually changed by Jesus, as they follow and live on mission for Him.

#### **Article V**

##### **Management**

Management of the Corporation shall be vested in the Corporation's Board of Directors, the members of which shall be not less than three (3). The selection, number, and method of election of the directors of the Corporation shall be vested in the bylaws.

The Board of Directors shall be a self-perpetuating Board of Directors.

The number of the initial Board of Directors shall be three (3). All decisions regarding the Ministry will be decided upon by majority rule amongst the Board of Directors, unless otherwise stated in the Bylaws.

The name and addresses of the persons who are the initial Board of Directors of Fresh Start Ministry of Southwest Florida, Inc. are as follows:

1. Christopher Menchini, President (P), 10434 Blue Beech Lane, Fort Myers, Florida 33913;
2. Fred Drovdic, Vice President (V), who resides at 13131 Parkline Drive, Fort Myers, Florida 33913; and
3. Patrick Hard, Secretary (S), who resides at 720 Edison Avenue, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33972

#### **Article VI**

##### **Membership**

The Corporation shall have such classes of membership as the Board of Directors may establish from time to time or as established in the Bylaws. Membership shall carry no ownership rights in the Corporation and/or its assets.

#### **Article VII**

##### **Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purpose.

#### **Article VIII**

##### **Prohibited Acts**

No part of the next earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 Article IV hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of 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 or engage in political activities of any kind, except as permitted by the provisions of Section 501 (h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any other 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, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2), 2055, 2106(a) and 2522 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code.

#### **Article IX**

##### **Articles of Incorporation**

The Articles of Incorporation shall be amended only by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

#### **Article X**

##### **Bylaws**

The Corporation's Bylaws shall be approved and accepted by a majority vote at the Corporation's first meeting. The Bylaws may be amended, altered, or restated, or repeated and new Bylaws may be adopted only by affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors. The Bylaws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the Corporation not inconsistent with Florida law or the Articles of Incorporation.

#### **Article XI**

##### **Registered Agent and Incorporator**

The name and address of the Registered Agent is:

Christopher D. Menchini, 10434 Blue Beech Lane, Fort Myers, Florida 33913.

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Christopher D. Menchini, 10434 Blue Beech Lane, Fort Myers, Florida 33913.

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.

  
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Required Signature of Registered Agent

CHRISTOPHER D. MENCHINI

Printed Name of Registered Agent

4-18-19

Date

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.

  
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Required Signature of Incorporator

CHRISTOPHER D. MENCHINI

Printed Name of Incorporator

4-18-19

Date