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SUBJECT: FAMILY HARVEST CHURCH, Inc.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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

\$70.00  
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& Certificate

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\$131.25  
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FROM: THOMAS URSO  
Name (Printed or typed)

1352 Red Pine Trail  
Address

West Palm Beach, FL 33414  
City, State & Zip

(561) 798-1386  
Daytime Telephone number

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

# **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The undersigned incorporator for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name**

The name of the incorporation shall be: **Family Harvest Church, Inc.** and hereafter be referred to as the Corporation or the Church.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Principal Office**

The principal place of business shall be located in the State of Florida, Palm Beach County, in the City of West Palm Beach. The mailing address shall be:

**Family Harvest Church, Inc.**  
P. O. Box 211701  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33421-1701

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Initial Registered Agent And Street Address**

The name and Florida address of the initial registered agent are:

Thomas Urso  
1352 Red Pine Trail  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33414  
(561) 798-1386

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**ARTICLE IV**

**Manner Of Appointment Of Directors**

The Directors shall be appointed and/or nominated by the President/Team Leader of the Corporation and/or by the nomination of The Board of Directors and appointed/elected with 2/3 or majority approval of the Board of Directors.

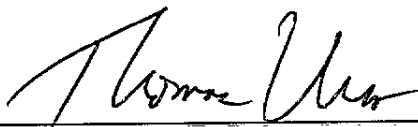
**ARTICLE V**

**Incorporator**

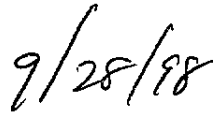
The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Thomas Urso  
1352 Red Pine Trail  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33414  
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The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation.

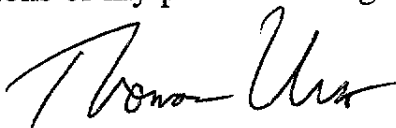


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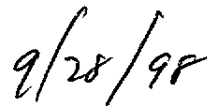


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Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.



Signature/Registered Agent



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# ARTICLE VI

## Purposes

### Section 1

The specific purposes for which the Corporation is organized and united are:

1. To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:16-18.
2. To present the Gospel of Salvation, in power and in demonstration, to the lost and to those who are held captive . Luke 4:17-19
3. To prepare members of the Body of Christ for effective discipleship and to empower them for leadership. Ephesians 4:10-16.
4. To plant churches - Acts 13, 14.
5. To praise and worship God in word, deed and lifestyle. Romans 12:1
6. To perpetuate all the above to subsequent generations.

### Section 2

This Corporation shall implement its New Testament purposes commissioned by the following:

1. To organize, plant, birth, establish, oversee and manage churches, home fellowship groups, house churches, church schools, missions, bible schools, Christian academic institutions, Christian camps, Christian centers, seminars, recording studios, radio and television stations both home and abroad, to standards set forth by the New Testament. Acts 5:42; 15:41, 16:5; Proverbs 8:10; 13:1,2; 2 Timothy 3:16; John 14:26; 1 Peter 4:6; 1 Chronicles 16:23, 24.
2. To propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world by means of: evangelistic ministry, revival meetings, the written Word, establishing churches, missions organizations, personal counseling, training groups, church meetings, house churches, home meetings, audio, video, radio, television, publishing and distributing Gospel literature, other forms of literature, computer, E-Mail, facsimile, and by every adequate means through the world as may be determined by the Board of Directors. Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15.

3. Except as otherwise limited herein, the Corporation shall have all powers necessary and convenient to effect or transact any or all of the business or purposes for which the Corporation is organized and shall likewise have the powers provided by the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Act.
4. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and literary 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 1954, (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and qualified foreign mission organizations.
5. The Corporation shall not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise to its directors, officers or other private persons; no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, officers of other private person, except the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to provide reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article.
6. To provide training and instruction, preaching and teaching and fostering the growth of the Christian faith in all places; and to license and ordain ministers for service in the Christian Church; to equip men and women for the work of evangelism; to promote and foster the development of apostolic missionary work throughout the world in obedience to the commands of the Lord Jesus Christ and in harmony with the teachings and practices of His servants, the Apostles. Matthew 28:19, 20. Acts 6:6-10; 8:4-25; 13:1-14; Romans 10:12-17; 15:18-21; 2 Corinthians 10:16.

### **Section 3**

To promote, promulgate, establish and disseminate the religious and doctrinal beliefs as embraced by the directors of the corporation according to their interpretation of the Holy Bible, the Word of God, by all necessary means of communication, whether electronic, visual, verbal, or written.

## **Section 4**

The several clauses contained in this general statement of the purposes of this Corporation shall be construed as both purposes and powers and shall in no way limit or restrict the terms of any other clause.

# **ARTICLE VII**

## **Activities Of The Incorporation**

The Corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, suitable, desirable, or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of any of any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized, including, but not limited to the following:

### **Section 1**

This Church, its ministries, its departments, extensions and branches shall have the right to govern itself according to the patterns, principles and standards of the Scriptures. Isaiah 9:6; Matt. 16:18; Acts 14:24; 20:28; Ephesians 4:1-13; 1 Peter 5:2,3.

### **Section 2**

The vision of **FAMILY HARVEST CHURCH, INC.** is expressed in the following:

- a) Establish people in an evergrowing relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, His family, and the lost
- b) Equip people for effective discipleship
- c) Enable people for effectual partnerships
- d) Empower people for leadership that will impact their sphere of influence with sustained excellence
- e) Express a spiritual climate of God's presence and faith that will exalt God in living worship

To accomplish this task the Corporation will endeavor to implement these steps and strategies:

- a) To prepare and establish people in forever growing relationships with Jesus, His family and the lost; where people will be prepared for leadership in their sphere of influence; which will provide a spiritual climate of God's presence and faith in the family, the marketplace, and in corporate and small group environments. We will endeavor to plant other churches as a result of the sustained spiritual and numerical growth.
- b) To have a network of affiliate churches, home fellowship groups, house churches et. al. allowing, promoting and encouraging believers to flow with the anointing of the Holy Spirit in order to grow and develop into Christian maturity. 1 Corinthians 12, 14:1-5; Mark 16:18; Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans 12:4-8; Acts 5:42
- c) To help, assist, feed and clothe the poor by having a Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, Thrift Shop, Neighborhood Outreaches, Sidewalk Bible School, Home Tutorial Programs, Home/Ministry for the homeless, runaways and unwed mothers. Leviticus 25:35; Matthew 25:34-40; Galatians 6:10; Psalms 142:7; Luke 4:18; 1 Peter 3:19; Proverbs 19:17; 2 Corinthians 8:14,15.
- d) To train, disciple, mentor, and teach men, women, married couples who have a desire and call to plant churches. Titus 1:5; Acts 14:23. To send them out with the guidance and help of this ministry to plant other churches, house churches, home groups etc. Acts 15:41; 16:5. As the Lord leads, this ministry will help them with planning, strategy, prayer, people, equipment, supplies and finances. We will oversee and help the new work in a manner and for a time that is mutually agreeable, until it become and independent, autonomous, self-governing, self-sufficient church.
- e) To implement a Bible Training Program with the future goal for developing a full time Bible School, designed to operate under the full anointing of the Holy Spirit in order to train men and women to function in the five fold ministry of Ephesians 4 and 1 Corinthians 12 as well as other areas of ministry. Romans 12:4-8; 16:1,2; 1 Corinthians 12:27,28.

- f) To implement the purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation as they are amended from time to time and the Auxiliary Organization Article in the By-laws.
- g) To operate exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, religious or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or any amendments thereof).

### Section 3

The Church shall implement its New Testament Christianity commissioned by the further prerogatives:

- a) To administer the ordinances of a New Testament Church; Matthew 28:19; 1 Corinthians 11:20, 12:13; Colossians 3:16. We hold that the following sacraments (ordinances and practices) are to be observed by the church and are to be administered by those scripturally qualified. 1 Timothy 3:1-11; Titus 1:5-8.
  - 1) Water Baptism by immersion. Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12
  - 2) The Lord's Supper. 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-26; Luke 22:19, 20; Mark 14:24; Exodus 11, 12.
  - 3) The Dedication of Children. Psalm 34:11; Isaiah 54:13; Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-16.
  - 4) Anointing With Oil. Mark 16:13; James 5:14-20
  - 5) Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:15-17; 19:2-6
  - 6) Covenant of Marriage. Malachi 2:13-16; Matthew 5:32; 19:5-6,9; romans 7:2,3; 1 Corinthians 7:10-15; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 5:22,23.
- b) To establish and maintain such departments, institutions and services for the propagation of the gospel and its work embraced by the purposes of this corporation; e.g. house churches, home groups, music ministries; ; Deuteronomy 6:5-7; Proverbs 2:6, 22:6; Colossians 2:8; 1 Timothy 6:20,21
- c) To appoint, designate, nominate and approve its own leaders, officers, committees, to arrange for its own meetings and to govern itself in accordance with these Articles of Incorporation.



- d) To examine, test, prove candidates for the ministry, and to ordain those who shall have been approved for the Christian ministry according to the standards set for by the New Testament. The process for training, mentoring, examination, approval and ordination shall be established by the Board of Directors and/or the Elders of the Church.
- e) To appoint leaders, church planters, pastors and missionaries for the purpose of planting local churches. To support local and foreign missionary programs according to the standards set forth by the New Testament. Mark 16:15,16; Acts 4:29,30, 13:47, 14:21, 24-28, 15:22-29, 36-39, 18:23
- f) To preach, teach, and minister the Word of God. Deuteronomy 4:1, 2; 12:32; Proverbs 30:5, 6; 2 Corinthians 7:14, 13:8; Ephesians 4:15; Colossians 1:5,6; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; T Timothy 2:7, 6:1-3; 2 Timothy 2:1,2, 24-26; 3:16;
- g) To lead, manage, administer, conduct and govern a local church under the Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ, leadership and power of the Holy Spirit in accordance with all the provisions as set forth in the Holy Bible.
- h) To establish a religious order to provide the present day equivalent of diaconate ministry of the New Testament. Acts 6:1; The members of this religious order shall perform all tasks which are non-governmental in nature and which release the overseers to give themselves more fully to their responsibilities of leading the church.
- i) To establish a religious order to provide the present day equivalent of overseer (elders) ministries of the New Testament. 1 Timothy 3:1-5; 1 Peter 5:1-4.
- j) To establish a religious order to provide the present day equivalent ministry of the priesthood of the believer. Ephesians 4:10-16; 1 Peter 2:5, 9.
- k) Scripture teaches that all tithes and offerings "belong to the Lord" and are "holy to the Lord". Leviticus 27:30. Therefore, the church is tax immune.

- l) The Board of Directors have the right to determine who may attend church meetings and functions, because this ministry is not a public institution and its property is not a public place. Acts 20:28-31; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 Timothy 1:20; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15; 2 John 9-11; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Titus 3:10,11; Romans 16:17. In instances of repentance, restoration, discipline or excommunication the Board of Directors will follow the scriptural principles of Matthew 18:18-20; Galatians 6:1,2 as prescribed in the Corporations Bylaws.
- m) The Church maintains that it has a divine mandate to practice its religion as dictated by God. Scripture states explicitly that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church. Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18. In Christ, all ethnic, social and cultural distinctions blend together harmoniously to enrich His love in the church. We therefore extend our Christian love to "whosoever will". Revelation 22:17. Therefore, we categorically reject any and all claims by the state (civil government) to headship or sovereignty over the church. Exodus 8, 9 & 10; Daniel 3 and 6.
- n) Scripture states that the responsibility for education of children rests with the parents of that child and not the state. Deuteronomy 6:5-8, 11:19, 18:9; Leviticus 10:11; Nehemiah 8:9; Isaiah 48:17; Jeremiah 10:2. The church recognizes that right and duty of the parents to educate their children by home school, through the church school or Christian academy under the covering of the local church as the parents need to oversee and be involved in the education of their children. Galatians 4:1,2; Luke 6:40; Deuteronomy 6:5-8; Psalm 78:4-6; Ephesians 6:4.
- o) To receive donations of property of all kinds and monies, legacies, devises, gifts, and donations of property (real, personal, & mixed) for benevolent, charitable, humanitarian scientific, religious, philanthropic, literary and educational purposes as mentioned in these Articles.
- p) To make donations of monies and properties (real, personal and mixed), to any other religious, charitable, philanthropic, literary, benevolent, humanitarian, educational, or scientific entities, for any and all of the herein describe purposes.

- q) To collect, solicit and accept funds, gifts and other subscriptions; to hold in trust, use, mortgage, lease, sell or otherwise acquire or dispose of property, real or chattel, in keeping with recited purposes of this Corporation, and it shall have and exercise all powers that are necessary or convenient to effect any and all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized.
- r) To erect and maintain worship buildings, social halls, business offices, school buildings, recreational facilities, parsonages, and such other structures as we deem necessary, and to organize and promote activities as deemed necessary for the upkeep and continuance of said buildings and facilities.
- s) To purchase, own, acquire, or sell and dispose of certificates of indebtedness/deposit, bonds, debentures, trusts, and stocks of other corporation, person, or association or persons, for any and all of the herein described purposes.
- t) To lease, rent, purchase or otherwise acquire, own, use, hold, rent, exchange and dispose of, including investments in shares, bonds or other securities or any other corporation or otherwise, as may be suitable or convenient for its purpose, without restriction or limitation except as provided by law; to borrow money and to issue bonds or other evidences of indebtedness and secure payment thereof by mortgage, pledge, hypothecation or deed of trust of all or any or its property, through donations, subscriptions assessments, dues or otherwise; to acquire property of any other corporation, society organization, or association having like purpose and assume any of its debts and liabilities; and do all such other lawful things as are incident and conducive to the attainment of the objects and purposes of the Corporation which a corporation exempt from taxation under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, and the law of the State of Florida is authorized to do.
- u) To do any and all things whatsoever usually done and ordinarily done by a religious educational corporation, literary, charitable, benevolent, philanthropic, or scientific organization or corporation.
- v) To have, and exercise, all the rights, privileges, duties, and power conferred by the laws of the State of Florida and to engage in any lawful purpose, not for pecuniary profit.

## **Section 4**

In connection therewith, or incidental thereto, the Church shall have the right to purchase or acquire by gifts, bequest or otherwise, either directly or as trustees, and to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of any real estate or chattels as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purposes; all in accordance with these By-laws or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended.

## **Section 5**

The Corporation shall have all the powers provided by law.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

## **Management Of Corporate Affairs**

### **Section 1**

The affairs of **Family Harvest Church, Inc.** shall be under the Headship of the Lord Jesus Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit of God. John 14, 15, 16. The Board of Directors, served by the leadership of the President/Team Leader, accepts the call, duty, responsibility of delegated authority and service of the Corporation to the people. The Board of Directors, served by the leadership of the President (Team Leader), is authorized to administer final judgment on all matters and affairs concerning the organization as a whole.

### **Section 2**

The government, administration, management, conduct, control of the business of the Corporation and its affairs shall be vested in the Board of Directors served by the leadership of the President/Team Leader. The President/Team Leader, with the counsel and accountability of the remaining members of the Board, is authorized to administer final judgment on matters concerning the organization as a whole. The qualifications, term of office, method of appointment, powers, authority and duties of the Directors of this Corporation, the time and place of their meetings, and such other provisions with respect to them as are not inconsistent with the expressed provisions of these Articles of Incorporation shall be as specified in the By-laws of the Corporation,

### **Section 3**

The Board of Directors shall have the right to amend, supplement or otherwise alter these Articles or the Bylaws of this Corporation by unanimous vote of those present at any duly noticed meeting of the Board of Directors, subject only to the limitations not provided by the laws of the State of Florida.

The Directors constituting the first Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be three (3) and the tenure in office of such first Board shall be as long as practicable.

Thomas Urso  
1352 Red Pine Trail  
West Palm Beach, Fl 33414

Randy Christensen  
1080 Grand Duke Way  
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## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Affiliation**

While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs, this local church shall seek to be trans-denominational and to maintain voluntarily cooperative fellowship with other churches, fellowships, church ministries and groups that are deemed mutually benevolent and beneficial to the purpose of this ministry. In addition, while maintaining voluntary cooperative fellowship with other churches, the Corporation endeavors to establish and plant new churches which may be affiliated with this said Corporation by covenant relationship, governmental assistance and oversight.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Statement of Fundamental Truths**

**FAMILY HARVEST CHURCH INC.** embraces the following statements concerning the truth. The Bible is our all-sufficient rule for conversation, character, conduct, faith, and practice. This Statement of Fundamental Truths is intended simply as a basis of relationship among us (that we think, believe, and speak the same thing, 1 Corinthians 1:10; Acts 2:42). There is no claim made

that it contains all Biblical truth, only that it covers our need as to these fundamental doctrines. We do not presume to say the phraseology employed in this Statement of Fundamental Truths is inspired or that it is the final work on Biblical Truth. However, we are persuaded it is proper and consistent with the Holy Scripture to "set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us." - Luke 1:1.

- A. The Holy Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments were written by holy men inspired by the Holy Spirit and are God's revealed word to man. They are sufficient, infallible rule of faith and conduct and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service. 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:20, 21.
- B. There is but one true and living God. Who is self-existent, and eternal "I AM", the Creator of heaven and earth, the Maker and preserver of all things, and the Redeemer of mankind. That He has chosen to reveal Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the same in essence, though distinct in personality. Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10, 11. Jesus Christ taught a distinction of Persons in the Godhead which He expressed in specific terms of relationship, as Father, Son, Holy Spirit, but that this distinction and relationship, as to its mode is inscrutable and incomprehensible, because unexplained. Luke 1:35; 1 Corinthians 1:24; Matthew 11:25-27; 28:19
- C. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and the Son of Man. He was born miraculously of the Virgin Mary; He lived a sinless life; He came into the world to save mankind from sin, guilt and condemnation; offered His blood for the remission of sin; and making it available to those who exercise faith in Him. His bodily resurrection from the dead; His exaltation to the right hand of God; and His Divinity is proven from His Names, His titles, His attributes and His works. Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:31; Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22; John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Matthew 28:6; Luke 24:39; 1 Corinthians 15:4; Acts 1:9, 11; 2:33; Philippians 2:9-11; Hebrews 1-3; John 1:14; Acts 4:12; 16:31.
- D. The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son; is One of substance and glory and eternal God. The scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He guides, knows, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproves, as the

instrumental person of the Godhead in the liberal dispersion of spiritual gifts and can be sinned against. John 16:8, 13; 1 Corinthians 2:11; Genesis 1:2; Acts 7:51; 10:19; 13:2, 4; 16:6; Mark 3:29; Ephesians 4:30; 1 Corinthians 12.

In addition, the works of God ascribed to the Holy Spirit include the new birth, creation, inspiration, giving of life, and sanctification. Sanctification is a process by which we become partakers of His Holiness, that has begun at regeneration and is continued in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the continual use of the appointed means especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer - Job 33:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 1 John 2:29; Romans 8:5; Philippians 2:12, 13; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 Peter 1:21.

- E. The Creation of the World occurred because God spoke it into existence and all that it contains are for His own pleasure and the enjoyment of His creatures - 1 Timothy 6:17; Revelation 4:11; Genesis 1:1.
- F. God Created Man in His own image and likeness as a triune being consisting of spirit, soul, and a body - Genesis 1:26; 1 Thessalonians 5:23.
- G. Sin entered the universe through Satan and then into the human race with the fall of Adam and Eve. The Bible reveals the essence of sin to be self-centeredness and its tragic result to be death, but also reveals God's redemptive plan through Jesus Christ to make an end of sin for eternity. Romans 5:17-21.
- H. The Salvation of man is possesses all the redemptive acts of God including: eternal life, justification, deliverance, redemption, healing, safety, wholeness and soundness. Salvation is by grace through faith, it is a free gift and cannot be attained through human works - Romans 3:23-28; 6:23; Ephesians 2:8.
- I. Ordinances of the Gospel include:
  - 1) Baptism in Water - commanded of every believer by immersion. Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 2:38; 10:47, 48; Romans 6;
  - 2) The Lord's Supper - consisting of elements of bread and the fruit of the vine, is the symbol expressing our faith and sharing in the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ. It serves as a memorial of His death, and the promise of His second coming - Luke 22:19, 20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-30.

- 3) **Baptism in the Holy Spirit** - is a spiritual experience subsequent to the New Birth. It is an experience for every believer and is evidence by the physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance - Acts 1:8; 2:1-4; 2:42; 10:44-46; 19:6.
- J. **Sanctification is a process of separation** from the world, flesh and devil and a dedication to God - 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:12
- K. **The Church is the Body of Christ**, the habitation of God through the Spirit. The Church has a divine purpose and a great commission to fulfill. Each member is a vital part of the Body and divinely called to fulfill a specific ministry to include: Evangelism, edifying the Body, and Worship unto God - Ephesians 1:22; 2:21, 22; 4:10-16; Matthew 28:19, 20.
- L. **Divine Healing is deliverance from sickness and disease**. It is provided for through salvation for all believers - Isaiah 53:4, 5; Mark 16:17, 18; James 5:14, 15.
- M. **Deliverance from demonic captivity** is also provided through salvation for all believers. People held captive and in bondage by demonic powers are to be set free by the power and authority of Jesus Christ - Mark 16:17; John 14:12; 2 Timothy 2:24.
- N. **Laying on of Hands** is the belief that power and anointing can be transferred from one person to another. It is used for healing, the impartation of spiritual gifts, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, impartation of blessing, and ordination - Mark 5:22, 23; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6; Acts 13:1-3.
- O. **Manifestations of the Spirit** are imparted by the Holy Spirit as He wills for edification of the Body - 1 Corinthians 12, 13, 14; Acts 10:44-47.
- Q. **The Millennial Reign of Christ**, preceded by the visible return of Christ, which is our blessed hope, shall be a period of 1000 years where Jesus Christ will reign of the earth - Zechariah 14:5; Matthew 24:27-30; Revelation 1:7, 19; 20:1-6.
- R. **The Final Judgment** is where the unrighteous dead will be raised and judged according to their works - Matthew 25:46; Revelation 19:20; 20:11-15.



- S. The New Heavens and the New Earth is a promise we are to look forward to wherein dwells all righteousness - 2 Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:22.
- T. Death. As a result of original sin, all mankind is subject to the death of the body - Hebrews 9:27; Romans 5:12; Philippians 1:23.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Ordinances and Practices**

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- 2) The Lord's Supper. 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-26; Luke 22:19, 20; Mark 14:24; Exodus 11, 12.
- 3) The Dedication of Children. Psalm 34:11; Isaiah 54:13; Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-16.
- 4) Anointing With Oil. Mark 16:13; James 5:14-20
- 5) Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:15-17; 19:2-6
- 6) Covenant of Marriage. Malachi 2:13-16; Matthew 5:32; 19:5-6,9; Romans 7:2,3; 1 Corinthians 7:10-15; 2 Corinthians 6:14; Ephesians 5:22,23.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Non-profit Nature of the Corporation**

The Corporation is not organized for profit; it will not issue any stock; it shall not conduct nor carry on any business organized for profit; and no part of its assets, income or earnings shall be distributed to its members, directors, or officers except for services actually rendered to the Corporation.

Upon the winding up and dissolution of this Corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the Corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, trust, foundation, or corporation, which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or religious and/or scientific purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and The Laws of the State of Florida.

## **ARTICLE XIII**

### **Duration of Corporation**

The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **Non-liability of Directors, Officers, etc.**

The property of the corporation shall alone be liable for the payment of its debts and liabilities, and the directors and officers shall incur no personal liability to third persons by reason of their office.

No director, officer, employee or other agent of the Corporation and no person serving at the request of the Corporation as trustee, director, officer, employee or other agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise and no heir or personal representative of any such person shall be liable to the Corporation for any loss or damage suffered to on account of an action or omission by such person as a trustee, director, officer, employee or other agent if such person acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of this Corporation, unless with a respect to an action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to this Corporation.

# ARTICLE XV

## Indemnity

### Section 1

The Corporation shall indemnify each person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding (other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation), by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving in such capacity at the request of the Corporation or is or was serving in such capacity at the request of the corporation in any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses, attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement, actually and reasonable incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The terminating of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, or itself, create a presumption that such person did not act in good faith and in manner which such person reasonable believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

### Section 2

The Corporation shall indemnify each person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding by or in the right of the Corporation, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving in such capacity at the request of the Corporation, in any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses and attorneys' fees actually and reasonably incurred by such person in the defence or settlement of such action or suit if such person acted in good faith and in a manner her or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation; provided that no

indemnification shall be made in respect for any claim, issue, or matter as to which such person is adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses and attorneys' fees which such court deems proper.

### **Section 3**

To the extent that a person seeking indemnification under this Article has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding, or any claim, issue or matter therein, the Corporation shall indemnify such person against expenses and attorney's fees actually and reasonably incurred in connection therewith.

### **Section 4**

The Corporation shall make indemnification payments to or on behalf of the person seeking them only if authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of such person is proper because such person meets the applicable standards of conduct set forth hereinabove. Such determination may be made (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (2) if such quorum is not obtainable, or if a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion to the Corporation, or by (3) by the court in which such action, suit or proceeding was pending upon application made by the Corporation or the person seeking indemnification or the attorney or other person rendering services in connection with the defense, whether or not such application is opposed by the Corporation.

### **Section 5**

The Board of directors may authorize payment in advance of final disposition of an action, suit or proceeding for the expenses and attorneys' fees incurred by a person seeking indemnification under this Article, provided that such person delivers a written undertaking to repay such amount unless it is ultimately determined that such person is entitled to be indemnified under this Article.

## Section 6

The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification are entitled under any by-law, agreement, vote of disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in a person's official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who ceases to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators.

## Section 7

The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person described in this Article against any liability asserted against or incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify the person against such liability under this Article.

## Section 8

This Article shall be effective with respect to any person who is a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is serving in such capacity at the request of the Corporation in any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, at any time on or after the effective date of these Articles of Incorporation with respect to any action, suit or proceeding pending on or after that date against such person based upon his or her acting in such capacity before or after that date.

# ARTICLE XVI

## Property

- A. **FAMILY HARVEST CHURCH, INC.** shall be able to purchase, rent, lease, and own all property, real or chattel. All property, real or chattel, shall be taken, held, sold, transferred or conveyed in the name of **FAMILY HARVEST CHURCH, INC..**

- B. No real or chattel property of the ministry or its church shall be sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise alienated without the same being authorized by the 2/3 or majority vote of the Board of Directors, served by the leadership of the President/Team Leader.
- C. The President/Team Leader and the Board of Directors shall certify in such conveyance, lease or mortgage that the same has been duly authorized by the vote of the Directors. Such certificate shall be held to be conclusive evidence thereof.
- D. Should the ministry cease to function as a ministering body, then, such property, real or personal shall be donated by the Board of Directors to a worthy non-profit religious institution according to the Articles of Incorporation as amended.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

### **Finances**

The Church shall be financed according to the Scriptural method by tithes, offerings and alms of the members/those in covenant relationship, friends of the ministry, and anonymous donors. In addition, there may fundraising activities as approved by the Board of Director and or Elders - Malachi 3:10; Hebrews 7:4-9; Deuteronomy 14:28; 15:7-11; Matthew 23:23.

## **ARTICLE XVIII**

### **Amendments**

These Articles of Incorporation shall be subject to amendment from time to time in accordance with law, and the Corporation shall be subject to ll general laws now enforce or hereinafter enacted with regard to corporations of this nature.