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New Hope Inc. in Southwest Ranches

13400 Griffin Road  
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Re-Stated - Articles of Incorporation as of Annual Meeting on February 28, 2000.

For

New Hope in Southwest Ranches  
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February 28, 2000

**PREAMBLE**

For the purpose of establishing and maintaining a place for worship Almighty God, our Heavenly Father: to provide for Christian Fellowship for those of like precious faith, where the Holy Ghost may be honored according to our distinctive testimony; to assume our share of responsibility and the privilege of propagating the gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both at home and in foreign lands: we whose name appear upon the assembly roster under above date, do hereby recognize ourselves as a local assembly in fellowship with and in a part of the General Council of Assemblies of God, and adopt the following articles of church order and submit ourselves to be governed by them.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

This church shall be known as New Hope Inc. in Southwest Ranches. located at 13400 Griffin Road, Southwest Ranches, Florida 33330 incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE II - AFFILIATION**

**Section I.** While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the

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conduct of its own affairs, this church shall voluntarily enter into cooperation with other churches of like precious faith associated with the Peninsular Florida (Article II- Affiliation Continued)

District Council and the General Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc., with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri and shall share in the privileges and assume the responsibilities enjoined by such affiliation. It shall have the right of representation at meetings of both District and General Council by delegate (or delegates) appointed by the official board.

**Section 2.** It is understood and agreed that this church shall conform its standards to membership. qualifications for deacons, qualifications for trustees, and requirements in pastor to those standards which are set forth by the Peninsular Florida District Council.

**Section 3.** In connection therewith, or incidental thereto. it shall have the right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequest, or otherwise, either directly or as a trustee, 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 its constitution and by laws or as the same may be thereafter modified or amended.

### **ARTICLE III - TENANTS OF FAITH**

This church shall accept the Holy Scriptures as the revealed will of God: the all sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining unity, hereby adopts the Statement of Fundamental Truths approved by the

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General council of Assemblies of God.

1. The Scriptures Inspired: II Tim 5:15-16, IPeter 1:23-25, Heb 4:12
2. The One True God: Matt 28:19, Col 1:16-17, Acts 17:28, Gen 17:1, Heb 4:5  
(Article III- Tenants of Faith Continued)
3. Man, His Fall and Redemption: Gen 1:26-31, Gen 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-21
4. The Salvation of Man: Rom. 5:25 Matt 5:8 Col 1:14, I John 1:19, II Cor 5:17,  
John 3:3, Rom 8:16
5. Baptism in Water: Matt 28:19, Acts 10:47, Rom 6:4
6. The Lords' Supper: John 6:48, 51,53-57; Luke 22:19-20, I Cor 11:26
7. The Promise of the Father: Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-8 Acts 2:38 Acts 10:4-44  
I Cor 12:1-31.
8. The Evidence of Baptism in the Holy Ghost: Acts 1:8 Acts 2:4, 42-43,  
Acts 10:44-46 Acts 19:2, 6
9. Entire Sanctification: Heb 12:14, I Peter 1:15-16 I Thess 5:23-24 I Cor 6:11  
Rom 8:3-4
10. The Church: Eph 1:22 Eph 2:19-22
11. The Ministry of Evangelism: Mark 16:15-20, Eph 4:11-13
12. Divine Healing: Matt 8:16-17 Isa 53:4-5
13. The Blessed Hope: I Thess 4:16, 18, Rom 8:25, Titus 2:13, I Cor 15:51-52
14. The Millennial Reign of Christ: II Thess 1:7, Rev 19:11-16, Rom 11:25-27,  
Rev 20:1-7
15. The Lake of Fire: Rev 19:20, Rev 20:10-15
16. The New Heavens and the New Earth: II Peter 3:11-13, Rev 6:3-5

## **ARTICLE IV - ORDINANCES**

**Section 1.** The ordinance of baptism by immersion in water (Matt 28:19) shall be administered to all who have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls and who give clear evidence of their salvation (Rom 6:3-5, Col 2:12)

**Section 2.** The ordinance of the Lords Supper shall be observed regularly as enjoined in the scriptures (Luke 22:19-20, I Cor 11:23-26)  
(Article IV- Ordinances Continued)

**Section 3.** The sick should be prayed for, with the anointing of oil and laying on of hands upon their request (Mark 6:13, Mark 16:18, James 5:14-16).

**Section 4.** Infants and small children may be dedicated to the Lord in the Assembly whenever requested (Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-26).

## **ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP AND DISCIPLINE**

**Section 1.** Persons desiring to become members of this church must be able to meet the following requirements for membership card made available by church.

1. Must give a clear testimony of having been born of the Spirit of God.
2. Must have received, or are earnestly seeking to be baptized in the Holy Spirit with speaking in tongues as the initial physical evidence.
3. Must be baptized in water or agree to follow the scriptural command to be baptized in water by immersion in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost (Matt 28:19)
4. Must sincerely believe in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God and the final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
5. Must abstain from drinking intoxicating liquors of every kind and use of tobacco in any form.
6. Must, as opportunity presents itself, support the church with tithes and offerings as God prospers.

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7. Must believe in all orthodox doctrines of the Christian faith, including the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with speaking in tongues as the initial physical evidence, divine healing, salvation through he shed blood of Jesus Christ, and the pre-millennial second coming of Jesus Christ.

**Section 2.** Those individuals eligible for membership desirous of becoming a member shall fill out the standard application for membership card, giving it to the Pastor who shall present the name to the Board of Deacons for consideration. All those who cannot be approved without a personal interview, will be notified (Article V- Membership and Discipline Continued)

to meet together with the Pastor. After such interview, the individual shall be notified of such action taken and when they shall be received into the church.

**Section 3.** The Board of Trustees shall have the right to remove from active membership any member who shall willfully absent himself from regular services of the church for a period of three months, except for physical disability. If such inactive member shall become active again by resuming church attendance, and had not departed from our church standards, the Board of Trustees shall restore his name to active list without formal reception being necessary.

**Section 4.** If any member of the church shall, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, fall below the above stated standard, either in faith or practice, his membership in this church shall be terminated and his name removed from the membership list. It is understood that no such action shall be taken until patient and persistent effort and conduct of church (Matt18:15-18, I Tim 1:20, Rom 16:17, Gal 1:8-9, II John 2:10). A unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees

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shall be required to drop member's name from the membership roll.

A member who has been dropped off for any reason may be restored to fellowship upon proof to the Board of Trustees of true repentance

(II Cor 2:6-8). If any individual removed from the membership roll shall protest such actions he shall be entitled to a hearing before the church. The actions taken by the church by a majority vote shall be considered final.

**Section 5.** Members in good standing, who may wish to sever their relationship

(Article V- Membership and Discipline Continued)

with the church , or may desire to be transferred to some other congregation, can notify the Pastor. After approval of the Pastor a letter of transfer shall be drawn up by the church secretary and signed by the Pastor.

## ARTICLE VI - GOVERNMENT

**Section 1.** The Pastor: The Pastor shall be considered the spiritual overseer of the assembly and shall direct all of its activities. He shall be the president of the corporation and shall be chairman of all business meetings of the assembly the Board of Trustees and the Board of Deacons. He shall be an ex-official member of all committees or departments. He shall provide for all the services of the assembly and shall arrange for all special meetings, conventions, or revival campaigns. No person shall be invited to speak or preach in the assembly without his approval.

A petition signed by at least forty percent of the total membership



(Article VI-Government Continued)

of the church contesting the action and attitude of the Pastor can be presented as an appeal to the District Officials requesting them to make an investigation of such charges, giving them power to call a meeting of the church to consider removal of the Pastor from office when deemed necessary. A two-thirds majority vote of total membership shall be required to remove a Pastor from office.

**Section 2.** The tenure of office of the Pastor shall be indefinite, and he shall have the prerogative to remain in office until he feels his work is finished.

**Section 3.** The government of this church shall be vested in the Board of Trustees which may be called the Board of Directors which shall consist of not less than three members to include the Pastor. The Pastor as the overseer of the flock, shall serve as chairman of such board. The Board of Deacons shall be elected to serve the spiritual needs of the church. The Board of Deacons shall be elected annually. Nominations for the Board of Deacons will be made by the Board of Trustees, and ratified by the church body at the Annual Business Meeting. The Board of Trustees shall also be elected annually. The candidates for all positions on the Board of Trustees shall be nominated by the Pastor and such nomination shall be ratified by the church body at the Annual Business Meeting.

**Section 4.** The Board of Deacons shall assist the Pastor in all meetings pertaining to the church in its spiritual life and in the examination of applicants for membership and also in the administration of the discipline of the church.

(Article VI-Government Continued)

**Section 5.** The Trustee Board of this church shall consist of three people who are to be church members. Trustees shall have the oversight of all church properties. They shall conduct themselves in a business like manner, overseeing repairs and alterations to the church property as deemed best for the management of the temporal affairs of the church. By virtue of their office they shall be members of any and all building committees. They shall be nominated by the Pastor and ratified by the church body at the Annual Business Meeting to serve for a term of one year.

**Section 6.** The church Secretary shall be a member of the Board of Trustees. They shall keep the minutes of the Annual meeting and special business meetings of the Assembly and shall perform any other clerical work necessary for the proper discharge of their duties. The treasurer shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements by funds. They shall prepare a quarterly financial statement to be presented to the Board of Trustees at their quarterly meeting. The positions of Treasurer and Secretary may be given to one Trustee if so desired.

#### **ARTICLE VII - VACANCIES AND ELECTION.**

**Section 1.** The Pastor shall be a man of mature experience and ability he shall be chosen according to District Council standards. He shall be nominated by the nominating committee to consist of the Board of Deacons and the Board of Trustees. Election shall be by secret ballot at the Annual Business Meeting or

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at a special business meeting called for that purpose. A two-thirds majority vote of all votes cast by those present shall be required to constitute election. In the event that said nominee fails to get two-thirds majority vote, the nominating committee shall present successive nominees to be voted upon, one at a time. A vacancy in the pastorate shall be supplied by the nominating committee until a pastor is elected.

**Section 2.** The Board of Deacons shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees and ratified by a majority vote of church membership at its Annual Business Meeting. They shall be elected by secret ballot and shall serve for a term of one year. To qualify as Deacon, one must be filled with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4 and must measure up as nearly as is possible to the Bible requirements mentioned in Acts 6:3 and I Tim 3:8-13. At least two weeks previous to the Annual business meeting the Pastor, and Trustees shall serve as a nominating committee. This committee shall thoroughly investigate the character of the nominee before presenting them to the church for ratification.

**Section 4.** In the event that the office of either church Secretary or Church Treasurer becomes vacant for any reason, the Pastor shall appoint some member of the church to fill the unexpired term of the incumbent.

#### ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

**Section 1.** Meetings for public worship shall be held each Lord's Day and during the week as provided for under the direction of the Pastor.

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**Section 2.** There shall be an annual business meeting held in January at a date to be announced by the Pastor two weeks prior to said meeting.

**Section 3.** Special business meetings shall be called by the Pastor, when necessary to conduct church business. In such case, two weeks prior notice shall be given before said meeting.

**Section 4.** One-fourth or more of the active members of the church shall constitute a quorum without which no regular or special business meetings of the church shall be held.

**Section 5.** The Board of Trustees shall have a regular quarterly meeting, time and place to be announced by the Pastor. A majority of the members of the Board of Trustees being present at any regular or special meetings shall be a quorum.

**Section 6.** The business of the church shall be decided by the majority of voting members present at any of its regular or special meetings. All members sixteen years of age and older have voting privileges.

**Section 7.** All business meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

#### **ARTICLE IX - DEPARTMENTS**

**Section 1.** This church shall create and maintain such departments and sub-organizations as may be deemed necessary for the extension of its work; all however, to be subordinate to the church and shall contribute to the harmony and development as a whole. They shall be under the general supervision of the

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Pastor and Board of Trustees. The Pastor is an ex- officio member of all committees and departments.

### **ARTICLE X - PROPERTY**

**Section 1.** All property of the church shall be deeded to the church and held in its name. No real property of the church shall be sold, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise disposed of without that same shall have first been recommended by a two-thirds majority vote of membership in attendance at the meeting called for consideration of such proposal. The Pastor and the Church Secretary shall certify to such conveyance, lease, mortgage, that the same has been duly authorized and approved by a vote of the church. Such certificate shall be considered conclusive evidence.

**Section 2.** In event that the church shall cease to function as a church body. "Under the direction of a Pastor or any other duly authorized leader, by not having a regular church service for a period of six months, " a majority of the membership shall have authority to sell property, both real and personal of the corporation. Out of the proceeds of said sale any indebtedness that may be incurred shall be paid and the remainder of the proceeds shall be expended in the work of Home and Foreign Missions under the direction of the pastor and the Board of Trustees.

### **ARTICLE XI-FINANCES**

**Section 1.** All funds for the maintenance of the church shall be provided by the

(Article XI-Finances Continued)

voluntary contributions or tithes and offerings of members and friends of the organization. Offerings shall be accepted by the church at such times and in such ways as agreed upon by the Pastor and the Board of Trustees, and shall be administered by the Church Treasurer under their direction (Mal 3:10, Luke 6:38, I Cor 16:1-2).

**Section 2.** The Pastor shall be paid a salary and necessary expenses, according to his needs at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, Secretary, and Treasurer in agreement with the Pastor.

**Section 3.** Any staff member shall receive such support as may be decided by the Pastor.

**Section 4.** Pertaining to the monthly support which is pledged to the missionaries, such amounts shall be decided by the Board of Trustees.

**Section 5.** It is understood that all church funds be kept under the supervision of the Church treasurer shall be deposited in a reliable bank under the name of the church and disbursements shall be by checks which shall be signed by the Pastor and the Church Secretary, Treasurer, or member of the Board of Trustees.

**Section 6.** Individual records shall be kept for all transaction and contributions using an envelope system.

## ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

**Section 1.** These articles of Constitutional Agreement shall supersede and make

null and void all articles or agreements written or verbal, which are in conflict with the articles contained herein.

**Section 2.** This constitution may be amended or changed by two-thirds majority vote of the membership of the church who are in attendance at regular or special called meetings, provided due notice of such proposed change shall have been made at all services on at least two Sundays preceding the time of such meetings.

**Section 3.** It shall be understood that the foregoing does not apply to Article III Tenants of Faith, which shall stand regardless of majority vote.

**CERTIFICATE**

For New Hope Inc. in Southwest Ranches  
13400 Griffin Road  
Davie, FL 33330

The Re Stated Articles of Incorporation as amended on February 28, 2000, were adopted by the Board of Director and approved by the congregation on February 28, 2000.  
/members

President: David R. Lively *David R. Lively*

Secretary/Treasurer: Gordon Walker *Gordon Walker*

Deacon: Ledly Moss *[Signature]*

Notary Seal: 

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL ANA ROSENDE NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA COMMISSION NO. CC947091 MY COMMISSION EXP. JUNE 19, 2004
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Notary Signature *Ana Rosende*