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Florida Interfaith/Interagency Networking in Disaster of Lee County, Inc.

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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: Edward A. Schmidt  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)  
1923 SE 31st St.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
Cape Coral, FL 33904  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip  
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State

February 7, 2000

EDWARD A SCHMIDT  
%(FIND)  
PO BOX 7553  
FT MYERS, FL 33911-7553

SUBJECT: FLORIDA INTERFAITH/INTERAGENCY NETWORKING IN DISASTER OF  
LEE COUNTY, INC.

This letter will confirm that due to a clerical error the above referenced corporation was incorrectly filed as a PROFIT(P99000073124) corporation. Please be advised, we have corrected our records to reflect this corporation as a NONPROFIT corporation and assigned new document number N00000000797 with the original file date of August 11, 1999.

Any annual reports/uniform business reports submitted this office should reflect the new document number.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused you.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact this office at the address indicated below.

Sincerely,  
RoseAnn Varnadore  
Corporate Specialist Supervisor  
New Filings Section

Letter number: 600A00006116

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**FLORIDA INTERFAITH/INTERAGENCY NETWORKING IN DISASTER**  
**OF LEE COUNTY, INC.**  
A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation

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

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**ARTICLE I.           NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of the corporation shall be: FLORIDA INTERFAITH/INTERAGENCY NETWORKING IN DISASTER OF LEE COUNTY, INC. (aka FIND of Lee County, Inc.).

**ARTICLE II.          PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of the corporation shall be: Christ Lutheran Church, 2911 Del Prado Blvd., Cape Coral, Florida 33904.

The mailing address of the corporation shall be: Post Office Box 7553, Fort Myers, Florida 33911-7553.

**ARTICLE III.         PURPOSES**

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable and educational and consist of the following:

- 1.) To bring together, on a regular basis, existing interfaith and interagency disaster networks, religious leaders, emergency management, and other disaster response organizations in Lee County to share and to coordinate in the areas of disaster readiness, response, and recovery.
- 2.) To encourage cooperation and interaction with other Interfaith Disaster Networks in the State of Florida to share information in the areas of readiness, response, and recovery, as they work with emergency management and other disaster response organizations.
- 3.) To promote disaster training opportunities, as sponsored by denominations, the Red Cross, emergency , and other support agencies and to sponsor special disaster training programs, such as "children in disaster," "adult stress," and "burn out," if not otherwise available.

- 4.) To train and send volunteers to the Lee County Emergency Operations Center to assist in the coordination of volunteers and donations in the time of disaster.
- 5.) To keep ecumenical leaders and leaders of support agencies informed of the situation as a disaster response proceeds, and to provide them with information regarding the unmet needs of the survivors of the disaster.
- 6.) To assist in the creation of, and to provide technical assistance to, a post-disaster ecumenical and interagency long-term recovery effort which would address the unmet needs of those without the necessary resources to rebuild their homes and their lives, especially the frail elderly, the handicapped, and the economically disadvantaged.
- 7.) To encourage faith communities to provide necessary resources of their prayers, caring volunteers, materials, and money, not otherwise provided, to the recovery effort.
- 8.) To encourage and assist the faith communities to help their congregations to develop their own plans or readiness, response, and recovery for their communities.
- 9.) To encourage support agencies to provide necessary resources of caring volunteers, materials, and money, not otherwise provided, to the recovery effort.
- 10.) To aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions, or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds, and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
- 11.) To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or government bureaus, departments, or agencies.
- 12.) All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in such manner that the Corporation will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue laws.

**ARTICLE IV. MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

- A. The manner of election of the Board of Directors shall be stated in the Bylaws.
- B. There shall be seven directors on the initial Board of Directors.
- C. The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board of Directors are:

Mary Barbara Coons  
1419 SE 33rd Terrace  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Dr. Arthur C. Smith  
3393 Edgewood Avenue  
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Rev. Richard J. Hafer  
c/o Christ Lutheran Church  
2911 Del Prado Blvd.  
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Albert Wright  
12184 Dolphin Road  
Bokeelia, FL 33922

Don Rugh, Jr.  
c/o Pine Island United Methodist  
Church  
Pine Island Rd., NW  
Bokeelia, FL 33922

Carolyn Wright  
12184 Dolphin Road  
Bokeelia, FL 33922

Edward A. Schmidt  
1923 SE 31st Street  
Cape Coral, FL 33904-4047

**ARTICLE V. DURATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The period of duration is perpetual. The qualification for members, if any, and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the bylaws.

**ARTICLE VI. 501(C)(3) LIMITATIONS**

A. **CORPORATE PURPOSES:** Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue laws.

B. **EXCLUSIVITY:** The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.

C. **NO PRIVATE INUREMENT:** The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of pecuniary gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits, or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof (if any), or to any individual, except as compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.

D. **LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS:** No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

E. **DISSOLUTION:** Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

F. **PRIVATE FOUNDATION STATUS:** In the event that this Corporation shall become a "private Foundation" within the meaning of Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, the Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject it to tax under section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE VII. REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are: Mary Barbara Coons, 1419 SE 33rd Terrace, Cape Coral, Florida 33904.

**ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation are: Edward A. Schmidt, 1923 SE 31st Street, Cap Coral 33904-4047.

Edward A. Schmidt

**Edward A. Schmidt**

August 9, 1999

**Date**

*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.*

Mary Barbara Coons

**Mary Barbara Coons**

Aug. 9, 1999

**Date**

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