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Christian Business Research Center, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and two (2) copies of the articles of incorporation for the above referenced entity. Also, enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$87.50 to cover the filing fees, the cost of a certified copy of the articles of incorporation and the cost of a certificate of status.

If you have any questions or comments, I trust you will not hesitate to co me.

Sincerely,

Mare M. O'B:

Marc M. O'Brien

**Enclosures** 

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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

April 24, 2000

MARC M. O'BRIEN PETERSON & MYERS, P.A. PO BOX 1079 LAKE WALES, FL 33859-1079

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN BUSINESS RESEARCH CENTER, INC.

Ref. Number: W00000010636

We have received your document for CHRISTIAN BUSINESS RESEARCH CENTER, 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):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Please return the 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) 487-6926.

Cheryl Gallmon-Case Document Specialist

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

#### CHRISTIAN BUSINESS RESEARCH CENTER, INC.

(a nonprofit corporation)

I, the undersigned natural person of legal age, acting as incorporator of a corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do hereby adopt the following articles of incorporation for such corporation:

## ARTICLE I CORPORATE NAME, PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The name of the corporation is CHRISTIAN BUSINESS RESEARCH CENTER, INC. The principal place of business of the corporation is 1223 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Lake Wales, FL 33853. The mailing address of the corporation is 1223 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Lake Wales, FL 33853.

## ARTICLE II CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for general purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Law set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

## ARTICLE III DURATION

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

## ARTICLE IV GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

- A. For the advancement of religion, charity, education and any other related or corresponding charitable purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes.
- B. For the advancement and development of Christian ministry and beliefs in America and in Russia.
- C. For providing educational seminars and conferences, recommendations, support and encouragement for Christians who desire to establish businesses in Russia.
  - D. For uniting businessmen who belong to different Christian churches in America and

in Russia.

E. To operate exclusively in any other manner for such religious, charitable and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including private foundations and private operating foundations.

#### ARTICLE V <u>VOTING P</u>OWER

This corporation shall not have members and the directors of this corporation, pursuant to Section 617.0721, Florida Statutes, shall have sole voting power, as shall be more fully set forth in these Articles and in the Bylaws of the corporation, as such may be amended from time to time.

## ARTICLE VI MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

A. <u>Board of Directors</u>. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than three (3) persons. The number of Directors of the corporation shall be three (3), provided however, that such number may be changed by action, duly approved, by the Board of Directors, but shall never be less than three (3).

The term of office for all directors shall be three (3) years, and all directors may be reelected without limitation. The method of election of directors is as stated in the corporation's bylaws.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting, and that the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of this corporation authorize the Directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such initial members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Yevgeniy N. Gvozdenko 1223 Bryn Mawr Avenue Lake Wales, FL 33853 Yevgeniy N. Molchanov Russia 676826 Tyumen Region Noyabrsk V. Tsoya Bld 7, Apt 6

Brenda Appleton 1223 Bryn Mawr Avenue Lake Wales, FL 33853 B. <u>Corporate Officers</u>. The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the Bylaws of this corporation may authorize the Directors to elect from time to time. The following persons shall serve as the initial corporate officers:

President - Vice President -

Yevgeniy N. Gvozdenko Yevgeniy P. Molchanov

Secretary

Brenda Appleton

Treasurer -

Brenda Appleton

## ARTICLE VII EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATION

- A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its directors, 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.
- B. 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 any candidate for public office.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not 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 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

## ARTICLE VIII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon 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 manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or 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), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which

the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

### ARTICLE IX INCORPORATOR

The name and residence address of the incorporator of this corporation are as follows:

Yevgeniy N. Gvozdenko 1223 Bryn Mawr Avenue Lake Wales, FL 33853

## ARTICLE X AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit Law of the State of Florida concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members or directors of the corporation, Bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Directors, or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the Bylaws.

### ARTICLE XI DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious, educational, charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

## ARTICLE XII REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The address of the corporation's registered office shall be 130 East Central Avenue, Lake Wales, FL 33853 and the name of its registered agent at said address shall be Marc M. O'Brien.

## ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

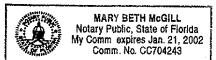
These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors, or as otherwise may be set forth in the Bylaws of this corporation.

I, the undersigned, being the Incorporator of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation, this His day of April 2000.	
Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:	· ·
Betty Van Deller Print Name: BETTY VAN DEUEN	YEVGENIY N. GVOZDENKO, as incorporator
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#### STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF POLK

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 14th day of 2000, by YEVGENIY N. GVOZDENKO, who is personally known to me or who has produced a drivers license as identification.



State of Florida

#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above named corporation, at the place designated, 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 state that I am familiar with, and accept, the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Dated: April 14, 2000

MARC M. O'BRIEN

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