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Business Organization Filing Section
Division of Corporations
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Re: Incorporation of Ekklesia, Inc.

Gentlemen:

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Enclosed please find the following items submitted for a Florida Non-Profit *****78.75
Incorporation:

Articles of Incorporation (2 copies)

Check in the amount of \$78.75

Incorporation Fee - \$35.00

Designation of Registered Agent - \$35.00

Certificate Under Seal - \$8.75

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

If all is in order, please send your Letter of Notification, the Certificate Under Seal and one copy of the Articles to the letterhead address above.

Sincerely,



Clement H. White

enc.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

June 23, 2000

CLEMENT H. WHITE, ET AL.
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SUBJECT: EKKLESIA, INC.
Ref. Number: W00000016092

We have received your document for EKKLESIA, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. 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) 487-6927.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
EKKLESIA, INC.**

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WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of forming and organizing a church corporation, not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida, and do hereby adopt and declare the following as the Articles of Incorporation.

PREAMBLE

We hereby declare and establish **EKKLESIA, INC.** to secure the principles of our faith and to govern the body in an orderly manner so to preserve the freedoms and responsibilities of each individual church member and the freedom of action of this body in relation to other churches.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Corporation is **EKKLESIA, INC.** located in Pinellas County, Florida.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE & DURATION

Section 1. Purpose: The general purpose of the corporation shall be religious, benevolent and educational, and as such it shall have all the powers incident to non-profit corporations of such character. The specific religious purpose of the church is for the worship of Almighty God, the extension of His Kingdom throughout the world, and to associate its members in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, recognizing Him as Lord and Savior of their lives.

Section 2. Duration: This Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation shall exist in Perpetuity.

ARTICLE III - POLITY & DOCTRINE

Section 1. Polity: The governance of this church is vested in the body of baptized believers as provided for in the church bylaws. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body.

Section 2. Doctrine: This church receives the Scriptures as its authority in all matters of faith and practice. It takes the Bible alone, as properly understood and interpreted by the informed Christian mind and applied responsibly by Christians acting in the Spirit of Christ, as the standard by which all matters of Christian belief and conduct are to be decided. It

holds that true Christianity does not consist of creeds and confessions of faith or in published statements of faith and message, but is essentially the relationship of the mature responsible regenerate believer to God in Christ through the Holy Spirit on the basis of careful study and understanding of the Word of God. No interpretation of the Bible by any other body or organization shall be imposed upon this church; it shall make its own best informed, conscientious, responsible interpretation and statements of faith, polity, application and practice of the Christian Scriptures. It shall encourage the freedom of the individual, the freedom and autonomy of the local church, the freedom of the larger body of Jesus Christ as expressed in various Christian traditions, the servant role of leadership within the church, a positive role for the spiritual ministry and leadership of both men and women in the church, responsible and reverent theological education characterized by respect for open inquiry and scholarship, the faithful proclamation of all aspects of the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the principle of a free church in a free state including the necessary corollary of the separation of Church and State.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Membership qualifications and method of admission and dismissal shall be as specified in the church bylaws.

ARTICLE V - LEADERSHIP AND CHURCH GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Leadership and Church Government: The church shall create its organizational structure and fill such leadership positions, and elect or appoint corporate directors, as specified in the bylaws.

Section 2. Powers: The church, in addition to the powers granted by Florida law, shall have full power to acquire by gift, grant, purchase, devise, legacy or otherwise, real estate for use of said church, and to hold possess, enjoy, mortgage, alienate and dispose of the same. No real property belonging to the church shall at any time be alienated or encumbered except by a majority vote of the members of the church and voting at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, the same having been presented and discussed at a regular or special business meeting preceding by at least two weeks the said business meeting at which the final vote is taken, and having been announced from pulpit during the regular weekly worship service preceding such vote.

Section 3. Management: The church elders, shall, as further provided in the bylaws, serve as the corporate management body. All officers, groups, councils and committees shall coordinate closely together for the purpose of promoting harmony, good understanding and cooperation in a unified church mission plan, but their duties and functions shall remain separate and distinct, all reporting to the church membership body, and receiving their policy guidance from that body, without acting independently of congregational approval.

**ARTICLE VI - INITIAL CORPORATE OFFICE,
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE & AGENT**

The initial corporate address is 4152 Grandchamp Circle, Palm Harbor, FL 34685. The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation 4152 Grandchamp Circle, Palm Harbor, FL 34685. The name of the initial registered agent at that address is Dr. Kristin J. Hicks.

ARTICLE VII- INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the incorporators signing these Articles of Incorporation are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Joseph S. Hancock	14800 Walsingham Road #102, Largo, FL 33774
Kristin J. Hicks	4152 Grandchamp Circle, Palm Harbor, FL 34685
Alison L. Pryski	709 Cordova Greens, Largo, FL 33777
Michael O'Fallon	3382 Mermoor Drive #204, Palm Harbor, FL 34685

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENT & BYLAWS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, and church bylaws may be enacted, amended or rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular or specially called business meeting of the church, provided the following actions have been accomplished:

1. Proposed amendments to the Articles, enactment or amendment of Bylaws must be presented in writing and be made available to the membership at least one week prior to a regular or specially called business meeting, where such will be discussed and possibly amended; then referred to the church for final vote without discussion or amendment.
2. The proposed amendments to the Articles or to the Bylaws must be published and made readily available to the church membership by the Worship Service preceding the business meeting at which the vote is to be taken.
3. An announcement must be made from the pulpit during the worship services preceding each business meeting notifying the church of the proposed vote and specifying the subject, time, date and place of the business meeting plus a reference

to the published and available text of the amendment(s).

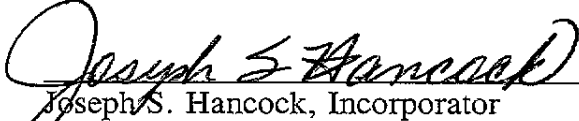
4. Two-thirds of the members present and voting with a quorum of at least 10% of the voting membership must give their approval of the enactment or amendment(s) at both the discussion and final vote meeting.

5. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State of Florida in accordance with the manner provided for in law.

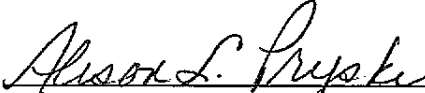
ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION

The existence of this non-profit corporation shall be perpetual. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to **DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**, or another church or Christian organization of like faith, order, doctrine and polity as selected by the members which has qualified for exemption under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. None of the remaining assets shall be distributed to any member or officer of this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned as incorporators and registered agent for the Corporation, so accepting that appointment, execute these Articles of Incorporation on the 12 day of June, 2000.


Joseph S. Hancock, Incorporator


Kristin J. Hicks, Incorporator


Alison L. Pyski, Incorporator


Michael O'Fallon, Incorporator

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PINELLAS**

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me by **JOSEPH S. HANCOCK, KRISTIN J. HICKS, ALISON L. PRYSKI and MICHAEL O'FALLON.**

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal this 24 day of June, 2000.



Richard Alan Jalazo
MY COMMISSION # CC607391 EXPIRES
March 22, 2001
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.
(SEAL)

[Signature]
Notary Public, State of Florida

Registered Agent's Acceptance

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, I hereby accept appointment as its 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 duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation.

Kristin J. Hicks
Dr. Kristin J. Hicks

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