Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

## SUBJECT: UPPER ROOM EVANGELISTIC MINISTERIES INC., (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

**\$70.00** Filing Fee S78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status ■\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy State State

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

 FROM:
 MINISTER MARY E. LEWIS

 Name (Printed or typed)

 P. O. BOX 585

 Address

 EAST PALATKA, FLORIDA 32131

 City, State & Zip

 904/326-4111 or 904/ 336-0356

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

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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#### OF

# UPPER ROOM EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES INC.

## A FLORIDA CORPORATION

### ARTICLE ONE

NAME The name of the Corporation is UPPER ROOM EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES INC.

### ARTICLE TWO

## DURATION

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE THREE

#### PURPOSE

(A) The Corporation is organized for the purpose of religious training and charitable purposes herewith.

(B) The general purposes and powers are:

(1) Generally to have and exercise all right and powers conferred on nonprofit corporation under the laws of Florida, or which may hereafter be conferred, including the power:

(2) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire, improve, construct, own, hold, use, maintain, operate, exchange, encumber, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of, real and personal property of every kind, nature, or description, as may be necessary or desirable to promote the primary purpose of this Corporation.

(3) To make and perform contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount, with any person, firm, association, corporation, municipality, state, government or municipal or political subdivision.

(4) To have and exercise all the rights and powers conferred on nonprofit corporation under the Florida law, as such law is now in effect or may at any time hereafter be amended.

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(5) To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of this Corporation.

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The foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed as a statement of both purposes and powers, and the purposes and powers stated in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no way limited or restricted by an reference to or inference from the terms of provisions of any other clause, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers.

© Notwithstanding any of the foregoing statements of purposes and powers, this Corporation shall not, except to any insubstantial degree, engage in any activities of exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purpose of this Corporation as set forth in Paragraph (A) of this Article Three, and nothing contained in the foregoing statement of purpose shall be construed to authorize this Corporation to carry on any activity for the profit of its members, as such, except for distribution of assets on dissolution and winding up.

(D) The purpose for which the Corporation is organized are to receive and maintain real or personal property, or both, and subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501, of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

(E) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall insure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Trustee of Officer of the Corporation or any member of the Corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no Trustee or Officer of the Corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation. 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 participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

(F) The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code or 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(G) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self dealing as defined in Section 4941 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(H) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943 © of the Internal Revenue Code 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws. (I) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(J) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Internal Revenue of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(K) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any actives not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501  $\bigcirc$  (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170  $\bigcirc$  (2) of the Internal Revenue Code and said Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

(L) Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of 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, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organizations under Section 501  $\bigcirc$  (3) of Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of by the circuit court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation in the located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE FOUR

## TRUSTEES

There shall be three members of the initial Board of Trustees of the Corporation, The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as Trustees until the first election thereof are as follows:

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MARY ELIZABETH LEWIS	PO BOX 585 EAST PALATKA, FLORIDA
DONALD DAVID LEWIS	PO BOX 585 EAST PALATKA, FLORIDA
CAVONDA TRACEY MCKINNON	123 CARTER ROAD LOT 7 PALATKA, FLORIDA
PAMELA ANITA CONLEY	127 CREST WOOD AVENUE PALATKA, FLORIDA

## ARTICLE FIVE

## OFFICERS

The affairs of the Corporation are to be managed by Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. Such officers will be elected and appointed at organizational and annual meetings. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers until the first election of officers under these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

MARY ELIZABETH LEWIS	CHAIRMAN
DONALD DAVID LEWIS	VICE-CHAIRMAN
CAVONDA TRACEY MCKINN ON	SECRETARY
PAMELA ANITA CONLEY	TREASURER

## ARTICLE SIX

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#### MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have members. Members of the Corporation will meet the following qualifications: Any person will be admitted as a candidate for membership of the local church when such person expresses a willingness to be saved from his or her sins, and become subject to the discipline and doctrine of the church.

It then becomes the duty of the pastor or persons appointed by him, to instruct him or her in the history, organization and doctrine of the UPPER ROOM EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES INC., emphasis on how to be filled with the Holy Ghost to retain it.

When a candidate has shown sincerity of his or her faith in Christ Jesus and a desire to assume the obligations of a member and become faithful to the local UPPER ROOM EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES INC., the candidate may then be received by the pastor into full fellowship of the church.

Any candidate for church membership who may not be able to appear in the local church due to health reasons or otherwise may be received as a member elsewhere at the discretion of the pastor.

UPPER ROOM EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES INC., will accept any and all person regardless of race, color, and national origin.

No member should have membership in more than one Church. They must be enrolled and should give their support to this Church with faithful attendance, tithes, offerings, and grace giving.

## ARTICLE SEVEN

#### BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Corporation are to be made, altered, or rescinded by the Pastor of the Corporation, only.

### ARTICLE EIGHT

## CONSTITUTION

We, the members of UPPER ROOM EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES inc., hold the holy scriptures as embodied in the old and new testaments of our Holy Bible as our rule of faith and practice.

We believe that governments are ordained by the almighty God, to be beneficial to mankind.

We teach and advise strongly our members to honor magistrates and civil authorities and to respect and obey civil laws.

As people that are God fearing lovers of peace and law abiding we requisition our inheritance and natural right to worship, serve and praise the almighty God according to the impulse of our own conscience.

Therefore, we hate and detest war, for we believe that the shedding of human blood or the taking of human life is contrary to the teachings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. And as a body of Christian believers, we are adverse to war in all of its forms, and believe in peaceful settlement of all international disputes.

### ARTICLE NINE

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We believe that the church's support should come from tithes, offerings and grace giving to provide a God given financial protection, according to God's holy word. (Mal. 3rd Chap).

## ARTICLE TEN

## DECREE OF OBEDIENCE

We the UPPER ROOM EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES INC., believe it is just and right for all saints to honor and obey them that have the rule over them in the Lord.

All who are not obedient and loyal to those over them in the Lord shall have no authority to demand or command respect.

We believe that disorderly conduct, unchristian like actions, unseemly actions, and any person or thing disrupting services will be required to leave the property by deacons or officers in charge. Should problems arise our civil authorities will be notified to have the person or thing removed from the property.

## ARTICLE ELEVEN

## THINGS THAT ARE FORBIDDEN

The following things are forbidden for the use of or to be used by any member of the UPPER ROOM EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES INC,:

Wine, Whiskey, Beer, Liquor, and all strong drinks that tends to intoxicate and take away the heart, mind and strength of the people.

Opium, morphine, cocaine and any and all other harmful drugs and habits harmful to human beings. You must abstain from all uncleanliness, adultery, fornication, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, murder, heresies, homosexuality, jesting and idle words, the use of vain words, swearing or taking the name of God in vain, you must not swear at all, but to make vows to God of righteousness and perform them if called into court by the civil authorities of the land, and not to swear for this is forbidden in the word of God, must not steal, nor hold malice, not let the sun go down upon your wrath. Must abstain from gambling and from all worldly pleasures that serve for the promotion of sin. Such actions can cause dismissal.

## ARTICLE TWELVE

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### **INCORPORATORS**

The names and residence addresses of the subscribers of these Articles of Incorporation are:

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## ARTICLE THIRTEEN

### **FUTURE PLANS**

We plan housing renovations for the needy and senior citizens, day care center for our children, to establish Churches in the State of Florida. We also plan to start a Vacation Bible School and establish a Christian School. Ministry for the youth, housing for single parents, to help the needed at any cost, help to assist nursing homes, schools and community. To create around programs for all diversity regardless to race, creed or color. To fulfill the motto "A HEALING MINISTRY FOR HURTING PEOPLE. Also a salary for our pastor and some church employees when established.

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## CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

-> 1. The name of the corporation is:

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2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Elizabeth ACCEPTABLE) Talatta FL.

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.

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