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Division of Corporations  
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**SUBJECT: HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LEESBURG, INC.**

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and our check for \$70.00.

**FROM:** Ezra R. Witsman, Attorney at Law  
138 E. Central Avenue  
Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida  
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LEESBURG, INC.**

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**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of the corporation is **HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LEESBURG, INC.**

**ARTICLE II  
CORPORATE NATURE**

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for general religious purposes pursuant to 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 and any other related or corresponding charitable purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes.

(b) to provide a place to worship and promote spiritual growth.

(c) to operate exclusively in any other manner for such religious purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any applicable Internal Revenue Law) 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, including private foundations and private operating foundations.

**ARTICLE V**  
**MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

(a) **Board of Trustees.** The powers of this Corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Trustees. The number of Trustees of the corporation shall be 5, provided, however, that such number may be changed by a bylaw duly adopted by the members.

The Trustees named herein as the first Board of Trustees shall hold office until the first meeting of members at which time an election of Trustees shall be held.

Trustees elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one (1) year until the annual meeting of members following the election of Trustees and until qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at **HARVEST COMMUNITY CHURCH OF LEESBURG, INC., on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January of each year at 7:00 p.m.**, or at such other times or places as the Board of Trustees may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Trustees 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 Trustees. Any certificate or other document 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 Trustees without a meeting, and that the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of this Corporation authorize the Trustees 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 Trustees are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
William J. LaRue	706 Jewell Street, Fruitland Park, Florida, 34731
Moses F. Lowe	24006 N. Buckhill Road, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, 34737
Novella C. Lowe	24006 N. Buckhill Road, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, 34737
Jeanie C. Lowe	24006 N. Buckhill Road, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, 34737
Charles W. Hauser	704 Florida Avenue, Leesburg, Florida, 34748

(b) Corporate Officers. The Board of Trustees shall elect the following officers; President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the bylaws of this Corporation may authorize the Trustees to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
President: William J. LaRue	706 Jewell Street, Fruitland Park, Florida, 34731
Vice-President: Moses F. Lowe	24006 N. Buckhill Road, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, 34737
Secretary: Jeanie C. Lowe	24006 N. Buckhill Road, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, 34737
Treasurer: Novella C. Lowe	24006 N. Buckhill Road, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, 34737

#### **ARTICLE VI EARNINGS & ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATION**

(a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 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 1701(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 VII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS**

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all 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 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 trustees 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 VIII MEMBERSHIP**

(a) The Corporation shall have one class of members and no more than one membership may be held by any one person. The rights and privileges of all members shall be equal. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

(b) Any person agreeing to be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Corporation and by such rules and regulations as the trustees may from time to time adopt, is eligible for membership.

(c) A prospective member shall be eligible for membership upon presentation of an approved application by membership committee for approval and acceptance by the Board of Trustees.

## **ARTICLE IX SUBSCRIBER**

The name and address of the Subscriber of this Corporation are as follows:

NAME

ADDRESS

Moses F. Lowe

24006 N. Buckhill Road, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, 34737

**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 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 Trustees, or by following the procedure set forth therefore in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XI  
DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious 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.

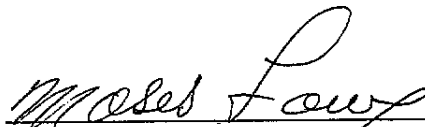
**ARTICLE XII  
REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

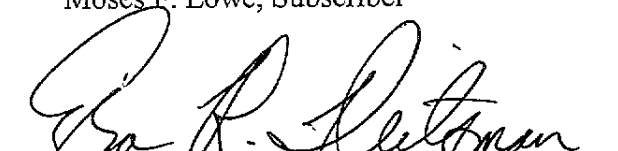
The address of the Corporation's registered office shall be 138 East Central Avenue, Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida, 34737, and the name of its registered agent at said address shall be Ezra R. Witsman, Esquire.

**ARTICLE XIII  
AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

Amendments to these articles of incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees and presented to a quorum of members for their vote.

I, the undersigned, being the subscriber and incorporator of this Corporation, for the purpose of forming this not for profit charitable corporation under the Laws of Florida, have executed these articles of incorporation on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001.

  
Moses F. Lowe, Subscriber

  
Ezra R. Witsman, Registered Agent  
I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE  
THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERER AGENT.