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October 8, 2001

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RE: Viera Christian Church, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Articles of Incorporation for **Viera Christian Church, Inc.** to be filed. A copy of the Articles for you to conform and return to this office is enclosed with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Acceptance by the Registered Agent is also enclosed.

Our check payable to the Secretary of State in the amount of \$70.00, representing \$35.00 for filing the Articles of Incorporation and \$35.00 for Designation of Registered Agent, is also enclosed.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Tom G. Burrows

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Enclosures  
cc: Jack Bliffen

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TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

**VIERA CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC.,  
A Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation**

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### ARTICLE 1. Name

The name of the corporation is VIERA CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INC., a Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation, organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

### ARTICLE 2. Duration

The duration of the corporation is perpetual.

### ARTICLE 3. Purposes

This organization is organized for religious, charitable and educational purposes exclusively. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal Income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

**The primary purpose of the corporation shall be to preach the gospel of Christ and to restore the New Testament Church as set forth in the Holy Bible.**

It is intended that the corporation shall have all power and authority as authorized by Florida Statutes, and may engage in any action lawful for such corporations in the State of Florida consistent with the foregoing stated purposes.

#### **ARTICLE 4. Disposition of Property**

This corporation is not organized for profit, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.

#### **ARTICLE 5. Members**

The present membership of the unincorporated organization, VIERA CHRISTIAN CHURCH, and those hereafter admitted to membership, shall constitute the membership of this corporation. Members must be immersed believers in Christ who unite with it by the terms outlined in the New Testament or by statement or letter showing that this has been accomplished.

New members shall be approved by (and may be removed by) a majority vote of the Board of Directors (Elders). Members shall have all rights and privileges of the corporation.

Details concerning membership, termination, meetings, obligations and benefits of members are set forth in the By Laws.

#### **ARTICLE 6. Operation and Control of the Corporation.**

Operation and control of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors (who shall also be known as the Elders), who shall be elected at the regular annual meeting of the members of this corporation. Vacancies in the Board may be filled by the Board until the next annual meeting as further provided in the By Laws.

There shall be at least three (3) and no more than twelve (12) Directors on the Board of Directors. The Board may appoint Deacons and committees and establish their duties as the Board deems appropriate from time to time.

#### **ARTICLE 7. Initial Board of Directors.**

The initial Board of Directors, to serve until the election at the first meeting of the corporation, shall be the following:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Jack Bliffen	2016 Deercroft Drive, Viera, FL 32940
Lloyd Mintz	270 Melbourne Ave., Merritt Island, FL 32953
Jess Cook	4290 Tangelo Ave., Cocoa, FL 32926

#### **ARTICLE 8. Officers**

The initial offices of the corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Any individual may serve as an officer and also be a Director of the Corporation. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors. Officers may be removed by the Board of Directors at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the By Laws. The names and addresses of the initial officers of the corporation to serve until the first election of the corporation shall be as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
President:	Jack Bliffen, 2016 Deercroft Dr., Viera, FL 32940
Vice-President:	Jess Cook, 4290 Tangelo Ave., Cocoa, FL 32926
Secretary:	Lloyd Mintz, 270 Melbourne Ave., Merritt Island, FL 32953
Treasurer:	Richard Enos, 5140 Dalehurst Drive, Cocoa, FL 32926

#### **ARTICLE 9. Incorporators**

The incorporators of this corporation are:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>
Jack Bliffen	2016 Deercroft Dr., Viera, FL 32940
Lloyd Mintz	270 Melbourne Ave., Merritt Island, FL 32953
Jess Cook	4290 Tangelo Ave., Cocoa, FL 32926

#### **ARTICLE 10. Nonstock Basis**

The corporation is organized on (and shall be operated on) a nonstock basis as defined under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act; and the corporation shall not have power to issue shares of stock. The corporation shall issue membership certificates as provided in the By Laws.

#### **ARTICLE 11. Corporation Address**

The street address of the corporation's initial principal office is 2016 Deercroft Drive, Viera, Florida 32940.

#### **ARTICLE 12. By Laws**

The By Laws of this corporation shall be made, altered, or rescinded by a majority of the voting membership of this corporation at any duly called meeting of the membership of this corporation. The By Laws shall state the manner in which special meetings of the corporation may be called. The By Laws may not be inconsistent with these Articles.

#### **ARTICLE 13. Powers**

This corporation shall have the following powers:

1. All corporate powers as provided in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes (2000).
2. The power to delegate to the Board of Directors (Elders), full discretionary power of admitting or expelling members.
3. The power to provide in its By Laws that a member shall not have any vested rights, interest or privilege, in or to the assets, functions, affairs or franchises of the corporation, or any right, interest or privilege which may be transferable or inheritable, or which shall continue if his or her membership ceases, or while he or she is not in good standing; provided, however, that before his or her membership cease against his or her consent, he or she shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

4. The power to exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized.

**ARTICLE 14. Amendments**

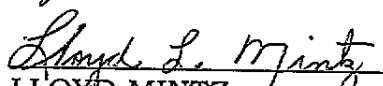
These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting at any duly called meeting of the corporation; provided, however, that these Articles of Incorporation shall not be amended unless notice of the proposed amendment is given to the members of the corporation in the manner provided in the By Laws of the corporation.

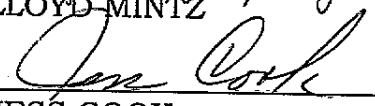
**ARTICLE 15. Registered Agent**

The initial Registered Agent of the corporation is Jack Bliffen, and the initial registered office of the corporation is 2016 Deercroft Drive, Viera, Florida 32940.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators have signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.

  
JACK BLIFFEN

  
LLOYD MINTZ

  
JESS COOK

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF BREVARD

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Acknowledged before me on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001 by **JACK BLIFFEN, LLOYD MINTZ and JESS COOK**, who are personally known to me, and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and they

acknowledged to and before me that they executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.



Marsha L. Enos  
MY COMMISSION # CC916593 EXPIRES  
May 1, 2004  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

Marsha L. Enos  
Notary Public, State of Florida

**ACCEPTANCE**

I accept designation as Registered Agent this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2001.

Jack Bliffen  
JACK BLIFFEN