TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST

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

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

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

### GLENN WARD MINISTRIES, INC.

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### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we the undersigned, residents and citizens of the United States of America, of full age of majority, have for the purpose of forming a nonprofit religious corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, for the purpose expressed in ARTICLE III hereof, adopted the following Articles of Incorporation:

### ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be GLENN WARD MINISTIRES, INC. The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

### ARTICLE II.

The name and address of the Registered Agent of the corporation in the State of Florida is Glenn Ward, 726 Cambridge Way, Lake Wales, County of Polk, State of Florida. His signature, infra at Page 6, indicates his acceptance of the designation. The address of the Registered Office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 726 Cambridge Way, Lake Wales, County of Polk, State of Florida 32935. The principal office of the corporation is the same as the Registered Office.

### ARTICLE III.

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes as within the meaning of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America.

In furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers and authority; however, the corporation shall not be empowered, and is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America:

- (a) To operate under the name as set forth in ARTICLE I above;
- (b) To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of this corporation;
- (c) To adopt and use a corporate seal;

- (d) To earnestly seek and promote the unity of God's people and churches in a Scriptural manner of Godly love, respect and faithful voluntary cooperation with liberty. To that end it may associate and cooperate freely with other non-profit associations, churches and missionary organizations and their branches. It shall operate as a free and independent corporation in accord with its own conscience and the wisdom of God, as the corporation perceives to be. In every case and in every act and in pursuit of or adoption of any policy or method or in practice or association, the corporation does and shall do so as a free organization always retaining its sovereignty and independence, and in no case whatsoever as an act of subjection nor precedent or amenability nor as an active or passive or implied affiliation nor in any way as relinquishing its perpetual legal independence and sovereignty.
- (e) To receive offerings and property by gift, devise or bequest subject to the laws relating to the transfer of property by gift or will.
- (f) To take, purchase or otherwise acquire; to own, hold, occupy, use and enjoy; manage, improve, develop and work; to grant, sell, exchange, let, demise and otherwise dispose of real estate, buildings, and improvements and every right, interest and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to erect, construct, alter and repair buildings; to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by or with any person, firm, corporation, or association, or any Federal, State, or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment improvement, development, use, enjoyment, leasing, management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated.
- (g) To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount and with any person, firm, association or corporation; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, issue, and execute promissory notes, warrants, and other negotiable or transferable interests.
- (h) To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use and enjoy, to sell, assign and transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, deal in or deal with personal property of every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated.
- (i) To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security therefore; to draw, make accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, warrants and other debentures of the corporation, or otherwise to make guarantees of the cooperation, or otherwise to make guarantees of every kind and secure any or all obligations of the corporation by mortgage, trust deed or otherwise.

To appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper; (i) define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; require bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and fix the penalty thereof; dismiss such officers or employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their place;

(k) To minister sacerdotal functions;

- To adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its (1) nonprofit, tax exempt purposes.
- To use any and all media, including but not limited to print, television and radio, in the furtherance of its nonprofit, recording, tax-exempt purposes;

To provide ministry in jails, penitentiaries and other detention

or penal facilities;

- To provide a local place for Christian fellowship for those of like faith and schools for Christian education where the Father God, Jesus, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit, may be honored according to our full gospel testimony;
- To assume our share of the responsibility and the privilege of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ by word, music, song and testimony;
- To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administrative of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the corporation and to have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of the State.
- To exercise such other and incidental powers as may (r) reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with

### ARTICLE IV.

To assure the corporation of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the organization, all ecclesiastical and legal power and authority relative to the corporation shall be exercised by and in accordance with the new testament church pattern. Thus under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Trustees whose members shall have a fiduciary obligation to the corporation. The number of Trustees, and the qualifications shall be established in the bylaws of this corporation.

### ARTICLE V.

This non-profit corporation is formed without any purpose of pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock.

### ARTICLE VI.

The private property of the trustees and members of the congregation shall be non-assessable and shall not be subject to payment of any corporate debts, nor shall the trustees or members of the congregation become individually or corporately liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the corporation.

### ARTICLE VII.

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 III hereof. 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. 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, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court of jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then 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 VIII.

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

### ARTICLE IX.

The undersigned incorporators shall act as the initial Board of Trustees until their successors shall have been duly qualified and elected. The Board shall not be less then five (5). The undersigned shall hold the office indicated. The manner in which the Trustees: are selected is as stated in the By-Laws.

DATED this 25 day of October, 2001

<u>INCORPORATORS</u>

NAME

Glenn Ward

Dorothy Jean Ward

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Dennis A. Parker

Todd D. White

ADDRESS

P.O. Box 1703

Lakeland, Florida 338o2-1703

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STATE OF FLORIDA)

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COUNTY OF Polk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgments, personally appeared F. Glenn Ward, Dorothy Jean Ward, Jeffery Connor, Dennis A. Parker and Todd D. White to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing know to be the persons described in and who executed the forgoing instrument and acknowledged before me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 25 day of October . 2001.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

State of Florida at Large My Commission Expires: JASON HUGHES
MY COMMISSION # CC 785587
EXPIRES: December 20, 2002
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

## CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICLIE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

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TALLAHASSEE. FLORIDA

JASON HUGHES

"MY COMMISSION # CC 785587

EXPIRES: December 20, 2002

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In compliance with the laws of Florida, the following is submitted:

That GLENN WARD MINISTRIES, INC. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, the corporation named in the forgoing Articles of Incorporation has named F. Glenn Ward whose address is 726 Cambridge Way, Lake Wales, Florida 33853, County of Polk, State of Florida, as its statutory registered agent.

Having been named statutory agent of said corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the same and agree comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to keeping the registered office open.

DATED this 25 day of

Glenn Ward