# TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

ENCOURAGING WORD MINISTRIES (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST I

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

- \$70.00 Filing Fee
- \$78.75 Filing Fee &
- Certificate of
- Status

- **\$78.75**
- Filing Fee
- \$87.50
- Filing Fee, & Certified Copy Certified Copy
  - & Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

Name (Printed or typed)

4035 BRYAST GLES AR

VACESONVILLE FL 32208 City, State & Zip

904\_636 - 1375 00 HME 904 - 764 - 7880

Daytime Telephone number

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



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Katherine Harris Secretary of State

October 23, 2001

CHRISTOPHER & PAULA RUSSELL 4035 BRYANT GLEN AVE JACKSONVILLE, FL 32208

SUBJECT: ENCOURAGING WORD MINISTRIES, INC.

Ref. Number: W01000024438

We have received your document for ENCOURAGING WORD MINISTRIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Corporations may file using only the corporate name. Please delete any reference to the "doing business as name" in your document. If you wish to register your fictitious name, you may do so by filing the enclosed application and submitting the appropriate fees to this office.

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) 245-6933.

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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OF

SECRETARY OF STATE ENCOURAGING WORD MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

We, the undersigned, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, do hereby associate together for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida and do hereby make, execute and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this corporation is ENCOURAGING WORD MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED.

#### ARTICLE II. LOCATION

The principal office of this corporation and mailing address shall be located at:

4035 Bryant Glen Avenue Jacksonville, Florida 32208

or at such other place as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate. The initial registered agent at such address is Christopher E. Russell, Sr.

#### ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes, including, but not limited to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ and strengthening His Body; ministering to the needy and reaching out to the whole person spiritually, physically and emotionally; instructing and preparing all people for the return

of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; holding regular weekly religious meetings for fellowship and Bible study, and using whatever mediums deemed necessary and appropriate to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all men including both verbal and written communications, as well as the mediums of television and radio broadcasts.

To acquire, take, receive, purchase, own, hold, use, manage, lease, mortgage, pledge, encumber, sell and convey, or otherwise dispose of any property, including, but not limited to, real, personal and mixed, tangible and intangible; to issue bonds, notes, evidences of indebtedness, receipts and obligations; to receive donations and distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt 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).

To have and exercise all other corporate rights and powers and to do all lawful acts necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes, consistent with these Articles of Incorporation, the laws of the State of Florida (as they now exist or from time to time may be amended), and Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code).

Notwithstanding any other provisions 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 provision 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 the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

This corporation shall have no capital stock and shall not pay any dividends.

#### ARTICLE IV. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS, MANNER OF THEIR ADMISSION

Membership in this corporation is open to all who apply and who are accepted by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE V. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VI. DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have two (3) Directors initially. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors but shall never be less than (3) nor more than twenty (20). The Directors shall be chosen as set forth in the By-laws of this corporation.

Directors shall have such powers and duties as may be set forth in the By-laws of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII. INITIAL DIRECTORS

The initial Director(s) of this corporation are as follows:

Christopher E. Russell, Sr., President

4035 Bryant Glen Avenue Jacksonville, Florida 32208 Paula L. Russell, Treasurer

4035 Bryant Glen Avenue Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Charles W. Russell, Sr., Secretary

3302 Japonica Road Jacksonville, FL 32209

and shall hold his respective office until his successor is elected and has qualified.

#### ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

The officers who are to manage this corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall have the power to create such additional offices of this corporation as may time to time become necessary to the operation of the corporation. All of the officers, except the President, shall be elected by the Board of Directors as provided by the By-laws of this corporation. Any person may hold two or more offices except that the President shall not also be Secretary of this corporation. Each officer shall hold office for a term of one (1) year or until his successor is elected and has qualified.

## ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS

The initial Officer(s) of this corporation are as follows:

Christopher E. Russell, Sr., President

4035 Bryant Glen Avenue

Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Paula L. Russell, Treasurer

4035 Bryant Glen Avenue

Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Charles W. Russell, Sr., Secretary

3302 Japonica Road

Jacksonville, FL 32209

and shall hold his respective office until his successor is elected and has qualified.

# ARTICLE X. BY-LAWS

The By-laws of this corporation may be made and adopted by the Board of Directors of this corporation at any regular meeting of the Board or at any special meeting called for the purpose of making, altering, rescinding or adopting By-laws. All such By-laws of this corporation must be approved by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all members of the Board of Directors present and voting at such meeting.

#### ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed and adopted by the Board of Directors at any regular meeting of the Board or at any special meeting called for the purpose of making or adopting amendments to these Articles of Incorporation. All such amendments must be approved by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all of the members of the Board of Directors present and voting at such meeting.

#### ARTICLE XII. ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

In the event this corporation is dissolved, the residual assets of the corporation will be distributed to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as 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 to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

#### ARTICLE XIII. SUBSCRIBERS

The names and address of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Christopher E. Russell, Sr., President

4035 Bryant Glen Ave

Jacksonville, Florida 32208

Paula L. Russell, Secretary

4035 Bryant Glen Avenue Jacksonville, Florida 32208

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribers, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 127 day of 360, 2001, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

Christopher E. Russell, Sr.

Paula Elaine Acuff Y COMMISSION # CC907961 EXPIRES March 17, 2004
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

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#### ACCEPTANCE

SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

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I HEREBY ACCEPT the appointment to act in the capacity of Registered Agent and Incorporator, and as Resident Agent / Incorporator agree to comply with the provision of the laws of the State of Florida relative to keeping said offices open.

Christopher E. Russell, Sr. 4035 Bryant Glen Avenue

Jacksonville, FL 32208

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF DUVAL

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared CHRISTOPHER E RUSSELL, SR., known to me and known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed said Articles for the purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this day of 67, 2001.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Notary Public

Paula Elaine Acuff
COMMISSION # CC907961 EXPIRES
March 17, 2004
BONDED THRUTROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

My Commission expires:

# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF DUVAL

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared PAULA L. RUSSELL, known to me and known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed said Articles for the purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal in the State and County aforesaid this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

