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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
Higher Standard Ministries, Inc.**

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be: **Higher Standard Ministries, Inc.**

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:  
8042 Fawnridge Circle, Tampa, Florida 33610

**ARTICLE III PURPOSES**

The specific purpose for which the corporation is organized is: The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3). In furtherance of such purposes, the Corporation shall be authorized:

- (a) To minister to the spiritual needs of the world and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the lost through the arts.
- (b) To conduct, both directly and through grants to other charitable organizations, activities in furtherance of the charitable or educational purposes permitted of Section 501(c)(3) organizations, including but not limited to the provision of services to youths from economically disadvantaged backgrounds or circumstances.
- (c) To seek donations of funds and tangible property in furtherance of the objectives set forth herein, and to engage in appropriate fundraising activities as may be necessary to underwrite the cost of operation and maintenance of the Corporation and its activities.
- (d) To make gifts, grants, and contributions to other organizations exempt under Section 501(c)(3) and to participate in cooperative activities or joint ventures with any such organizations.
- (e) To receive and maintain personal or real property, or both; and, subject to the restrictions and limitations herein set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable and educational purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3).

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(f) To receive assistance, money (as dues or otherwise), real or personal property, and any other form of contributions, gift, bequest, devise, endowment, or grant from any person, firm, partnership, corporation, United States governmental organization, or entity, or an entity or organization of any one or more of the United States (or any subdivision

thereof), to be utilized in the furtherance of the objects and purposes of this Corporation; to enter into agreements or contracts or contributions to the Corporation for its objects and purposes, provided however, that gifts shall be subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors as required by the bylaws.

(g) To establish an office and employ such assistance and clerical personnel as may be necessary and proper in the judgment of the Board of Directors, and pay reasonable compensation for the services of such persons.

(h) To invest and reinvest surplus funds in such securities and properties as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

(i) To purchase, acquire, own, hold, guarantee, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, loan, or otherwise dispose of and deal in any bonds, securities, evidence of indebtedness, or other personal property, as well as to purchase, acquire, own, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of and deal in real estate; and, as the owner of any such real or personal property, to exercise all the rights, powers, and privileges of ownership.

(j) To contract and be contracted with, and to sue and be sued.

(k) To adopt and use a corporation seal.

(l) To do all acts and things requisite, necessary, proper, and desirable to carry out and further the objects for which this Corporation is formed; and, in general, to have all the rights, privileges, and immunities, and enjoy all the benefits of the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations of this character, including but not limited to the powers described in Section 617.0302 of the Florida Statutes, subject however to the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) and to the other limitations provided in these Articles of Incorporation.

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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H020000204436**ARTICLE IV INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT & STREET ADDRESS**

The name and address of the initial registered agent is: Business Filings Incorporated, 1000 West Avenue, Suite 1114, Miami Beach, Florida, 33139. Located in the County of Miami-Dade

**ARTICLE V INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is Richard Oster, 8025 Excelsior Dr., Suite 200, Madison, WI 53717

**ARTICLE VI DISSOLUTION**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, state, or local government for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE VII MANNER OF ELECTING DIRECTORS**

The method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 22 day of January 2002.



Richard Oster, Incorporator

The document was prepared by:

Richard Oster, 8025 Excelsior Dr., Suite 200, Madison, WI 53717. (608) 827-5300.

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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.

Signature: R. Oster

Business Filings Incorporated, Richard Oster, V.P.

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