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Re:

**Articles of Incorporation** 

The Shepard's Family Church, Inc.

Greetings:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced non-profit corporation, along with our check made payable to the Department of State in the amount of \$78.75, which covers the filing fee, registered agent fee and the certified copy fee.

Please return the certified copy to my attention. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Hugh A. Richeson, Jr., Esq.

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

## THE SHEPHERD'S FAMILY CHURCH, INC.

## ARTICLE I: CORPORATE NAME

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## ARTICLE II: CORPORATE NATURE

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The term of existence of this corporation is perpetual.

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- F. To engage in such other business or businesses, whether related thereto or not, for the purpose of supporting the Christian, religious, educational, charitable and benevolent efforts of this corporation, to the end that all people may be instructed, trained, guided and challenged concerning doctrines of life and conduct contained in the Holy Bible; as may be approved by the Board of Directors, and which businesses are permitted by law.
- G. To operate exclusively in any other manner for such religious, charitable and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954, as amended, or under any corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal Tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including private foundations and private operating foundations.

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A. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than four (4) and shall not exceed six (6), unless changed by a By-law duly adopted by the members.

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

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Any action required or permitted to be taken by one Board of Directors 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 shall

have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the Directors. Any certificate or other document shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting, and that the Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws of this corporation authorize the Directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

**NAME** 

ADDRESS

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Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision of the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations existing and operating 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 Directors 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 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.

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The qualification for members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the By-laws of this corporation.

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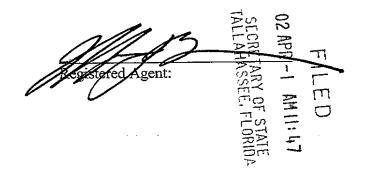
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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS

WITNESS my Hand and Official Seal this 22 day of march, 2002.

CAROL L. FETCHKO
MY COMMISSION # DD 076051
EXPIRES: December 3, 2005
Bonded Thru Nolary Public Underwriters

My commission Expires:

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared <u>JEFFERY P.</u>

LANE the subscriber and Registered Agent, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me the execution of same.

WITNESS my Hand and Official Seal this 22 day of march, 2002.

CAROL L. FETCHKO
MY COMMISSION # DD 076051
EXPIRES: December 3, 2005
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

My commission Expires: