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William R. and Alice Long Martin

(As Co-Trustees, The Living Trust FBO William R. & Alice Long Martin dated 12-23-92)

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RE: Building Better Lives Together, Inc.

Madam:

Please accept the attached Articles of Incorporation for "Building Better Lives Together, Inc.", a non profit religious corporations. An extra copy is attached so that it might be stamped and returned to us.

Thank your for your kindness. Our check in the amount of \$70.00 is enclosed.

Very truly yours,


William R. Martin

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April 19, 2002

WILLIAM R. MARTIN
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SUBJECT: BUILDING BETTER LIVES TOGETHER, INC.
Ref. Number: W02000011114

We have received your document for BUILDING BETTER LIVES TOGETHER, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

You must list the corporation's principal office and/or a mailing address in the document.

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) 245-6995.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

BUILDING BETTER LIVES TOGETHER, INC.

The undersigned, citizens of the United States, each with the capacity to contract, hereby execute and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a not-for-profit religious corporation under and by virtue of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617 Florida Statutes, as amended (the "Act"),

ARTICLE I - Name and Location

The name of the corporation shall be ***BUILDING BETTER LIVES TOGETHER, INC.***, and it shall be commonly known and referred to either as Building Better Lives Together or by its initials "BBLT", hereinafter referred to as BBLT. The place where said corporation is located shall be within the State of Florida at such location or locations as may be determined by its Board of Directors and as reported annually on the Uniform Business report to the Secretary of State of Florida. The initial principal office shall be at Camp Ithiel, 2037 Hempel Avenue, PO Box 165, Gotha, FL 34734.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION

The general nature, purpose and objects of the corporation (BBLT), shall have the underlying purpose to draw people to God, through loving care, fellowship, instruction, opportunity for commitment, a spirit of freedom in worship and development of a Christian life. It is the aim of BBLT to touch as many persons as possible with the love of Christ, to walk closely with God and to share our faith and relationship with God with those with whom come in contact with members of the Churches of the Brethren in Florida and Puerto Rico and at such other places as the Board may determine.

BBLT's activities shall be consistent with and guided by the faith and practice of the Church of the Brethren and with the teachings of the New Testament.

In carrying out these purposes BBLT shall be authorized to receive and acquire by gift, devise, purchase or otherwise any real or personal property, to rent, build, erect and to provide for maintenance and occupy suitable buildings for religious use, housing, and to own and possess and hold for the sole use of BBLT, and dispose of the same; and to enjoy the rights and privileges belonging and incident to religious corporations not

for profit, and to in every respect to do all things and to have all powers a natural person might have, do and exercise for the sole use and benefit, however, of the religious institution BBLT, in accordance with instructions and directions of BBLT.

To accomplish the foregoing purposes the corporation shall have all corporate powers permitted under Florida Law and the Constitution of the United States assuring religious freedom, including the capacity to contract, to bring suit and to be sued where consistent with the policies, practices and belief system of the Church of the Brethren.

Notwithstanding any provisions of the Articles, the corporation will not carry out any activities not permitted to be carried out by (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 any corresponding of any future Internal Revenue law.

No substantial part of the activities of BBLT shall consist of promulgating propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign, on behalf of any candidate for public office, or publish or distribute any statements with respect to any such campaign, nor shall the corporation engage in any transactions described in the Internal Revenue Code as "prohibited transactions" which would disqualify the corporation as an "exempt corporation" within the meaning of said Internal Revenue Code.

The corporation is irrevocably dedicated to, and operated exclusively for non-profit purposes, and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributed to, nor inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer or employee of the corporation, contributor or private individual (except bona fide charitable assistance or the providing of religious materials).

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt organizations described in Section 501 (c) (3) and 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding sections of any prior or future law. BBLT must first attempt to give any assets to appropriate Church of the Brethren organizations, including churches or agencies within the Atlantic Southeast District of the Church of the Brethren. No part of the assets shall inure to the benefit of any member, director, officer or employee of this corporation, contributor or private individual (as those terms are defined by the "Act" and the IRS Code.

ARTICLE III - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

The membership of BBLT shall be composed of all members of all churches and agencies of the Church of the Brethren within the Atlantic Southeast District of the Church of the Brethren – including persons holding associate or dual membership with churches elsewhere. Any notice to members shall be given through the Churches and/or agencies which are members or related to the Atlantic Southeast District of the Church of the Brethren. All members of the Board of Directors chosen by the members of the corporation shall hold a membership within the Church of the Brethren.

ARTICLE V - SUBSCRIBERS & INITIAL DIRECTORS

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

Robert Glenn Beach, 5720 Baywater Drive, Tampa, FL 33615
Carol L. Yeazell, 4019 Winderlakes Drive, Orlando, FL 32835
William R. Martin, 1662 Quail Lake Drive, Venice, FL 34293

They shall serve as the Initial Board of Directors until the first annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI - GOVERNANCE

1. First Called Annual Meeting: The Subscribers shall provide for a called annual Meeting of BBLT, giving at least 30 days notice to the Churches within the Atlantic Southeast District. The meeting shall be held at a location to be determined by the Subscribers. Those members present shall constitute a quorum.

2. Composition of board: At the first annual meeting, the Members shall elect nine (9) members to the board. After election, the terms shall be divided into three classes so that one third of the terms expire each year. The means of determining the terms shall be determined by the elected board and may include deciding by lot. Thereafter, at each annual meeting one third of the board (3 members) shall be elected each year for a three year term. No person shall serve more than two full three year terms.

3. Vacancies on the Board: Vacancies on the board may be filled by the remaining directors and if done more than 30 days before an annual meeting, the vacancy shall be filled by the Members; otherwise, a person filling a vacancy shall continue until the next annual meeting. After a one year absence from the board, a person shall be eligible to serve additional terms.

4. Additional Directors: The Board of BBLT may (but shall not be required) elect up to two additional Board members based on needed expertise. Such terms shall run

only until the next annual meeting but such appointees may be either elected or reappointed.

5. Officers of the Board: Upon the election of a full Board, the Board shall choose from amongst its own members the following officers:

Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer

which officers shall have the normal duties and responsibilities associated with those titles and as may be refined in the By-laws. The Board shall set a maximum amount of dollars for which one person shall have signature authority. Until further modified, no payment shall issue for more than FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS without the written authorization of two officers. As soon as the Board determines it to be practical, a Fidelity Bond shall be obtained to protect the corporation.

6. Additional Officers: The Board may select an Assistant Treasurer and an Assistant Secretary who need not be members of the Board of Directors.

7. Audit: At the end of each fiscal year, the Board shall require a full and complete audit according to accepted accounting standards by an independent third party audit. However, in any year when gross receipts are less than \$25,000, the board may, in its discretion, arrange for an audit by a team of the Members (excluding board members and employees) who are experienced in financial matters.

8. By-Laws: As soon as practicable after the election of the first Board, the Board shall adopt formal By-laws for the Corporation which shall be adopted by not less than two thirds of the Board members. The By-laws shall be consistent with these Articles of Incorporation except that the Board may decide to increase or decrease the size of the Board and to change the terms, but in no event shall the board be less than five persons. The By-Laws may change any provision of these Articles except Paragraph 7 dealing with an audit.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made only in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The Board of Directors shall have the sole authority to make any technical amendments without submitting them to the membership. Any amendments which any two board members feel is substantiative, shall no be effective until approved at an annual or special membership meeting (a quorum for this purpose are those members present).

ARTICLE VIII - REGISTERED AGENT

The registered agent of this corporation shall be William R. Martin whose street address is 1662 Quail Lake Drive, Venice, FL 34293.

ARTICLE IX - MISCELLANEOUS & LIMITATIONS

For the purpose of carrying out its corporate and religious purposes, BBLT shall have the right to accept contributions, including bequests and devises, of money or other property from non-members of the corporation, from any legal entity entitled to donate, grant, or loan to the corporation, as well as from members.

ARTICLE X - INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify any person made a party to any action by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of his/her being or having been a director or officer of the Corporation, or any other Corporation which s/he serviced as such at the request of the Corporation against the reasonable expenses incurred by him/her in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, or in connection with an appeal therein, except in relation to matters as to which such Director or officer is adjudged to have been guilty of gross negligence or misconduct in the performance of his/her duty to the Corporation.

The Corporation shall indemnify any person made a party to an action, suit, or proceeding, other than one by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, whether civil or criminal, brought to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person in his/her capacity of Director or Officer of the Corporation, or of any other corporation which s/he served as such at the request of the Corporation, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and necessarily incurred as a result of such action, suit or proceeding, or any appeal therein, if such Director or officer acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that such action was in the best interest of the Corporation, and in criminal actions or proceedings, without reasonable ground for belief that such action was unlawful.

Expenses incurred by any person who may have a right of indemnification under paragraphs 1 and 2 of this article in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in the specific case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the Director or Officer, to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that s/he is entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation pursuant to this provision of the Charter.

The Indemnification provided herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights

to which any persons seeking indemnification may be entitled under any Charter, By-laws, agreement, vote of Directors or otherwise, both as to action in his/her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director or Officer, and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of the Corporation and/or any person who is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director or officer in another corporation, against any liability, asserted against him/her and would have the power to indemnify him/her against such liability under these provisions, Florida Statutes 608.13(14) of the Florida Statutes annotated (or as amended) or otherwise.

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision relating to indemnification shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions relating to indemnification.

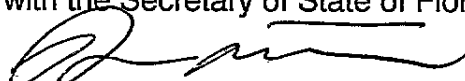
Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation shall, to the full extent it is empowered to do so under the laws of Florida, indemnify and hold harmless the Directors, officers employees or agents of the Corporation, or of any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise which such person served as such at the request of the Corporation, and any such Director, Officer, employee or agent shall be entitled to rely upon such indemnification.

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT
DESIGNATED IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

William R, Martin, having a business office identical with the registered office of the corporation named above, and having been designated as the Registered Agent in the above foregoing Articles of Incorporation, is familiar with and accepts the obligation of the position of Registered Agent under the Florida Statutes.


William R., Martin

These articles of Incorporation were approved unanimously by the subscribers on April 8th, 2002 who directed that they shall be filed with the Secretary of State of Florida.


Incorporator, William R. Martin