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**SUBJECT:** Jabez International Fellowship, Inc.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
JABEZ INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, INC.**

The undersigned incorporator, for the purposes of forming a corporation under the Florida Non-for-Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be : JABEZ INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, INC.

**ARTICLE II  
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be : 1900 West Commercial Blvd., Suite 100, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.

**ARTICLE III  
CORPORATE PURPOSE**

**PURPOSE:** Said 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.

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

(a) To disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God, to the end that people may be evangelized and believers may be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15-16; Isaiah 6:8; Acts 13:47; II Corinthians 5:20); to regularly assemble for fellowship to worship God in Spirit and in truth (Hebrews 10:25) and to cooperate in the building up of the whole body of Christ (Ephesians 2:19-22).

(b) To provide basic New Testament discipleship to all who are approved for this purpose by the Elders. (Acts 6:7, 11:26, 14:20-23)

(c) To establish and maintain a church and to provide a place of public worship and prayer in accordance with the directions of the Holy Spirit (I Kings 8:12-21; Psalm 96:9, 122:1; I Corinthians 5:40); to spread the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the preaching and teaching of the Bible to bring the unsaved to Christ (Mark 6:15; Romans 1:15-16; I Thessalonians 5:9; II Thessalonians 2:13; II Timothy 3:15), and to build up the saved in Christian grace and living. (Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 3:1-4; I Corinthians 3:9-15) Pursuant thereto, the following activities and guidelines shall be established:

1. A recognized Statement of Faith, Code of Doctrine, discipline and form of worship shall be established. (Acts 8:37, 15:11, 16:31; Romans 4:20-25, 10:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:14-17; I Peter 1:21)

2. A biblical form of government shall be established (Exodus 18; Ephesians 4:8-11; I Corinthians 12:27-31)

3. Ordination of ministers upon completion of the prescribed course of Study, designated by this church. (I Chronicles 9:22-23; Titus 1:8; I Corinthians 7:17; Acts 14:23)

4. An organization of ministers shall be established to minister to the congregation of JABEZ INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, INC. (Colossians 4:17; II Timothy 1:16-18; I Corinthians 16:15; Romans 16:1)

5. Establishment of a covenant fellowship based upon acceptance of and conformity to the belief of the church. (Acts 15:41, 16:5)

6. Propagate the Word of the Gospel through seminars, the establishment of Church literature and other forms of mass media for the purpose of educating the individual in the Word of God. (Psalm 96:10; Proverbs 13:17; Mark 13:10; Acts 13:47)

7. Establishment of various religious services pursuant to the recognized Statement of Faith, form of worship, discipline of the church and the establishment of Sunday school and religious schools for Christians and educational instruction of children and adults to exalt the standard of Christian living and the divine leadership of our divine Lord and Master. (Proverbs 8:10, 13:1; Zephaniah 3:7; II Timothy 3:16)

8. Establishment of a Bible Training School or School of Theology for the preparation of ministers who minister to JABEZ INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, INC. and to ordain ministers and

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Christian workers to the edification and the unity of the body of Christ. (Psalm 40:9-10; John 14:26; I Peter 4:6)

(d) To establish an apostolic mission (Matthew 10:7; Luke 9:2; I Corinthians 1:17-18; I Timothy 1:11; Mark 6:13) providing for church planting (Acts 11:21, 15:41, 16:5, 18:8-11), establishing spiritual covering for and authority over members of the five fold ministry and groups seeking association in the fellowship (Acts 15:6,22-29; I Corinthians 4:17, 9:2, 12:28; I Thessalonians 3:1-2), and setting qualified men as recognized by God in the office given them by God (I Timothy 4:14; II Timothy 1:6, 2:2; Titus 1:5; Acts 5:5-6, 13:1-3, 14:23).

(e) To establish and maintain an educational institution and not for pecuniary gain; for the establishment, maintenance and support of a private Christian elementary and secondary schools (Christian Academy) at which both charity and pay students shall be received; for the establishment, maintenance, and support of a private Christian day care center and nursery school (Mark 10:14; Luke 18:16-17) at which both charity and pay students shall be received.

(f) To establish and maintain a theological college of higher education and training in the Bible, Biblical languages, Christian theology and literature and such training in the mathematics, history, science, languages and scripture as are needful and appropriate to the education and training of ministers of the Gospel and missionaries in foreign and home fields, Bible teachers, and other Christian workers in various lines of religious, benevolent and philanthropic work. The institution shall grant appropriate degrees and provide for the proper regulation and control of its students. The institution shall offer admittance and equal advantages to all students who possess the requisite literary, moral and other qualifications, irrespective of their particular denomination or religious profession and both charity and pay students shall be used to extend the charity work, but not part of the income shall be received, wherein the income from the pay students shall be used to extend the charity work, but not part of the income shall ever be paid or distributed to its members, directors or officers, other than reasonable compensation for services rendered. Such institutions within the church shall have a racially nondiscriminatory policy towards students and shall not discriminate against applicants and students on the basis of race, color and national or ethnic origin. (Psalms 40:9-10; John 14:26; I Peter 4:6; II Timothy 2:2,24-25; I Corinthians 14:12)

(g) To establish and maintain a Christian bookstore for the benefit of the students and members of the Church and their guests (Psalm 68:11; Acts 13:39).

(h) To establish and raise up churches and pastors to lead them; to provide spiritual oversight to those churches and pastors who desire the oversight and to provide spiritual accountability for the conduct of independent churches and ministers. (Acts 15:6, 15:22-29, 15:41, 16:5)

(i) To provide new ministers with assistance in establishing their ministry. ( Acts 11:22-30; 14:21-23)

(j) To establish and maintain an evangelistic association to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ both in the United States and abroad throughout the world as the Lord leads. (Jeremiah 50:2; Matthew 24:14; Romans 1:16; I Peter 1:24-25; Psalms 51:13; I Corinthians 9:16)

(k) To print, publish, and distribute and sell books, magazines and other literature in connection with the purposes of this corporation; to sell, record and reproduce tapes, radio, and television programs in connection with the purposes of this corporation to produce and distribute radio and television programs (Deuteronomy 31:19; I Chronicles 16:23-24; Psalm 68:4; Revelation 14:2).

(l) To establish, maintain and conduct seminars for the instruction of children and adults for religious instruction. (Psalms 40:9-10; I Peter 4:6; John 14:26)

(m) To propagate the Word of the Gospel through seminars, radio, tv, establishment of Church literature, and other forms of mass media for the purpose of educating the individual in the Word of God. (Psalms 96:10; Proverbs 13:17; Mark 13:10; Acts 13:47)

(n) To conduct Christian retreats, tours, seminars, camps, and to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the various media. (Jeremiah 3:15; Psalms 32:8, 37:30; Proverbs 9:9, 15:22)

(o) To ordain ministers and Christian workers to the edification and the unity of the Body of Christ. (I Chronicles 9:22-23; Titus 1:5; I Corinthians 7:17; Acts 14:23)

(p) To operate under the name as set forth in Article I above; to adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes (Genesis 17:5, 32:28; Acts 13:9; Matthew 1:23; Revelation 2:17); to exercise such other and incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the church is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax exempt status as a religious organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, of the United States of America.

(q) To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of this church. (Titus 3:13; James 5:4)

(r) To further all religious and charitable work and for such purposes to adopt and establish Bylaws, rules, regulations in accordance with the law and not inconsistent with this Articles of Incorporation. (Joshua 1:7-8; Habakkuk 2:2-3; Romans 7:12, 10:4)

(s) To do all those things allowed and permitted to be done under law and specifically those set forth in the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Code, so long as such is permitted and consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The directors are elected by the members.

#### ARTICLE V INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent are : Anna McCoy, 1900 West Commercial Blvd., Suite 100, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.

#### ARTICLE VI INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are : Anna McCoy, 1900 West Commercial Blvd., Suite 100, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.

#### ARTICLE VII TERM

The period of the duration of this corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to the law.

#### ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The ministry shall have a Board of Directors of three (3) initially. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors who shall serve until the first election are :

1. Anna McCoy, 1900 Commercial Blvd., Ste 100, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
2. Richmond McCoy, 1900 Commercial Blvd., Ste 100, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
3. Douglas N. Anthony, 1900 Commercial Blvd., Ste 100, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

There shall be a Board of Directors for this corporation which shall consists of not less than three (3) and no more than seven (7) members.

Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the appointment of a Director by the President until the next election of the Directors. The Directors shall have all the power as set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX  
LIABILITY

No member of JABEZ INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, INC.. shall be liable for its debts nor shall any members property be so liable.

ARTICLE X  
EXEMPT STATUS AND DISSOLUTION

Said 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.

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 Articles 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 or in opposition to 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 the 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

Upon the 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 the 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 a Court of Competent 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 XI  
BYLAWS

The Bylaws of JABEZ INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP, INC.. shall be adopted and amended by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII  
DECLARATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious and charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE XIII  
GENDER

In referring to directors, officers, chairman, members, deacons, incorporators or assistants within these Bylaws, words of any gender shall be deemed to include any other gender and a reference to the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa, unless the context indicate that such reading would be inappropriate.

ARTICLE XIV  
AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Articles of Incorporation, may be proposed by a resolution adopted by

the Board of Directors. After notification to the members of the proposed amendment, such amendment shall be adopted by the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Directors present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto subscribed our names, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002.

Anna M. McCoy  
Anna McCoy, Incorporator

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.

Anna M. McCoy 4/8/02  
Anna McCoy Date

Texas  
STATE OF ~~FLORIDA~~  
COUNTY OF ~~BROWARD~~ Tarrant

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Anna McCoy, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument. Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002.

Dana L. Newbanks  
Notary Public

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My commission expires: 2/23/05

