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SUBJECT: Prepare The Way Ministries, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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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
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Prepare The Way Ministries, Inc. (Rev. Michael Duncan)
Name (Printed or typed)

PO Box 5368
Address

Ocala, FL 34478-5368
City, State & Zip

352-368-3710
Daytime Telephone number

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

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Prepare The Way Ministries Inc.

Articles of Incorporation

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Prepare the Way Ministries, Inc.

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The address of the initial office of this corporation is 5739 N.E. 14th Ave., Ocala, FL. 34479 and the name of its initial registered agent at said address. Mailing address of this corporation is Prepare The Way Ministries, Inc., P.O. Box 5368, Ocala, FL., 34478-5368.

ARTICLE III

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Based upon the Bible as God's holy, inerrant, infallible, and immutable Word, we the people of Prepare the Way Ministries believe that we, as a local church, are a called out body of believers established by God for His pleasure and glory. Our foundational purpose is to glorify God by obeying His Word, which declares that we as His people have various privileges and responsibilities toward both God and Man.

A. God's Word

This church shall strive to declare and protect the whole counsel of God's Word, by proclaiming the true Gospel of Jesus Christ, by establishing and teaching sound doctrine, and by exhorting individuals and families to engage in and promote the personal study of God's Word, for through these means we guard the truth entrusted to us for this and following generations. This church will preach the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Also, provide Christian education, ministerial and educational services in the community.

B. Worship

This church desires to offer up to God the worship that He so richly deserves as our Creator, Savior, and Lord, humbly worshipping Him in spirit and truth with a desire to please Him. The word of God instructs us to worship Him in many ways: through the public preaching and reading of the Word of God, through praising Him in word and song, with instruments, through prayer and thanksgiving, through joyful giving, and through our loving obedience in all things.

An important part of our worship is keeping the two ordinances which Christ Jesus gave us: the baptism of believers by immersion as a solemn testimony of salvation and the celebration of the Lord's Table as a

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proclamation of the Lord's death until He comes again. We confess that God alone is worthy of our worship, and that we are to worship no other.

C. One Another

This church is to build up, protect, and minister to one another in love through discipline and training, serving one another's physical and spiritual needs, meeting together regularly, purifying itself by exercising corrective church discipline, and through praying for, encouraging, loving, and admonishing one another.

D. Making Disciples

This church is to make disciples by teaching the Word of God so that believers grow in their love of Christ, in their obedience to His word, in their anticipation of His return, and in their ability and desire to proclaim His gospel. Those whom God saves we are to baptize and bring into the body so that they may grow and make disciples also.

E. Evangelism

The members of this church, individually and as a body, shall seek to evangelize unbelievers by proclaiming and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. This church must also be an example of true biblical Christianity to the community by our lives as demonstrated in our God-centered relationships with other believers, our families, employers and employees, as well as in our obedience to leaders in governments and in the church.

ARTICLE IV

Election of Directors

Directors shall be elected in accordance with Church Bylaws Article IV: Election of Elders.

ARTICLE V

INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

Name	Addresses
Michael Curtis Duncan	5739 N.E. 14 th Ave. Ocala, Fl. 34479 Phone: 352-368-3710
Barbara Lynette Duncan	5739 N.E. 14 th Ave. Ocala, Fl. 34479 Phone: 352-368-3710

Victoria Lynn Duncan

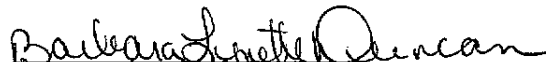
5739 N.E. 14th Ave.

Ocala, Fl. 34479

Phone: 352-368-3710

Dated this 19 day of June 2002


Michael Curtis Duncan


Barbara Lynette Duncan


Victoria Lynn Duncan

ARTICLE VI

INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

Rev. Michael Curtis Duncan, 5739 N.E. 14th Ave., Ocala, FL. 34479.

ARTICLE VII

INCORPORATORS

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is three (3):

Name

Addresses

Michael Curtis Duncan

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ARTICLE VIII

CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this corporation are as follows:

1. To make distribution to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
2. To adopt and use a common corporate seal and alter the same provided; however, that seal shall always contain the words "Corporation Not For Profit."
3. Prepare the Way Ministries, Inc., shall conduct its affairs within the meaning of the Statutes and Laws of the State of Florida and of the United States of America, as now existing or as hereafter amended or modified. Inconsistencies and interpretation of Bylaws shall be changed, amended or repealed as necessary for the proper functioning of the corporation.
4. To elect or appoint such officers and agents as its affairs shall require and allow them reasonable compensation.
5. The management of the corporation shall be vested of the Board of Directors of not less than three (3) or no more than five (5).
6. To contract and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine. Issue notes, bonds and other chattel obligations and secure its obligations either by mortgage or pledge of all or any of its property or income. To solicit and receive donations, endowments, to buy, own, and sell real estate and personal property possessed by it and do any and all other things necessary to proper management of the corporation.
7. To conduct its affairs carry on its operation have offices throughout the United States of America and other parts of the world, and exercising the powers granted pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America.
8. To acquire, enjoy utilize and dispose of patents, copyrights and trademarks and any license and any other rights or instruments thereafter or hereunder appertaining.
9. To purchase, take, receive, subscribe, for or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge or otherwise dispose of and otherwise use and deal in and with shares and other interests in or obligations of other domestic or foreign corporation, whether for profit or not for profit associations, partnerships or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States of America or any other governmental district, municipality or any instrumentality thereof.
10. To lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payments of funds so loaned or invested.
11. To make donations for the public welfare or for religious, charitable or other similar purposes.
12. To have and exercise any and all other powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all other purposes for which the corporation is organized, including all of the rights, power, privileges and immunities accorded by law to similar charitable non-profit organization, with such additional rights, powers, privileges and immunities as may be necessary, proper, or incident to the conduct of business aforesaid, and as many be inherent in or allowed to like non-profit charitable corporations under the laws of the State of Florida as they now exists are may hereafter exist.
13. To have the right, power and authority to make rules and regulations, adopt by-laws, hold regular meetings and select such officers as they think necessary and as proper: to delegate any part of its authority or any portion thereof to committees, person or subordinate bodies; to increase the

number of members of the Board to any amount not to exceed or be less than the maximum and minimum prescribed by the charter; to fill vacancies in their number which may from time to time exist by virtue of the expiration of any term of office, death, resignation, or increase in the number of directors, or otherwise; to fix the term of their own offices and to of their successors; and in general to have and to exercise all powers of the management and direction for the affairs of this corporation.

ARTICLE IX

DISSOLUTION

Section 1: General

Upon dissolution of this church, the Board of Elders shall cause the assets herein to be distributed to another religious organization and/or the poor in the community.

ARTICLE X

EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES

1. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall insure to benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or private persons, except that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this corporation shall be carried by:
 - a. A corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 © (3) of the Internal Revenue Code 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
 - b. By a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 17 © (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

The Board of Directors may cause this corporation to solicit, collect, receive, accumulate, administer and disburse funds in such a manner as will, in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, most effectively operate to further the purpose of this corporation.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Michael C. Duncan
Signature/Registered Agent

6-19-02
Date

Barbara J. Duncan
Signature/Incorporator

6/19/02
Date

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