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Re: The Gate Christian Ministries, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the original and copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced not for profit corporation. Also, enclosed is a check in the amount of \$78.75 which represents your filing fee for the Articles of Incorporation, Designation of the Acceptance by Registered Agent and certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Lewis W. Stone

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Enclosures

xc: Colleen Doris Lackey

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE GATE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.  
(A Corporation Not-For-Profit)

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The undersigned natural persons of legal age, acting as incorporators for the purpose of creating a corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida as provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I  
Name and Address

The name and address of this corporation shall be: **THE GATE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.**, 16038 Dora Avenue, Tavares, Florida 32778.

ARTICLE II  
Duration

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE III  
Purposes

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

ARTICLE IV  
Powers

This corporation shall have all powers granted by law to not-for-profit corporations subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

- (a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on the 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 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 of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of

the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

- (b) No member, director, officer, or private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any corporate assets upon dissolution of the corporation. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of the residual assets of the corporation to a Section 501(c)(3) qualified organization.
- (c) The corporation shall not engage in any prohibited activity as defined in Florida Statutes 617.0835, or as subsequently amended.

**ARTICLE V**  
**Membership**

The corporation shall have no capital stock, and shall be composed of Members rather than stockholders. The membership of the corporation shall consist of the individuals consisting of the Board of Directors hereinafter provided, and their successors in office and others who may become members pursuant to membership qualifications contained in the Bylaws of the corporation.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Incorporator**

The name and address of the original Incorporator is:

**COLLEEN DORIS LACKEY**  
16038 Dora Avenue  
Tavares, Florida 32778

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Officers**

The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer and such other officers and assistant officers as the Board of Directors shall provide for in the Bylaws of the corporation. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Directors at any regular or specially called meeting. The names and addresses of the first officers who shall manage the affairs of the corporation until their successors are elected or appointed and are duly qualified are:

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President:	Donald J. Lackey	16038 Dora Avenue Tavares, Florida 32778
Vice President:	Milton Howard, Jr.	451 Doctors Drive Oviedo, Florida 32765

Secretary:	Opal Rosemarie Howard	451 Doctors Drive Oviedo, Florida 32765
Treasurer:	Colleen Doris Lackey	16038 Dora Avenue Tavares, Florida 32778

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Board of Directors**

Control of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3) Directors, who shall be elected on an annual basis, but the term of office of any member of the Board of Directors may be for a period of more than one (1) year as provided in the Bylaws. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors, but shall never be less than three (3) Directors. The initial Board of Directors shall be composed of nine (9) Directors. The Board of Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the remaining members of the Board. Any members of the Board of Directors elected by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Each member of the Board of Directors need not be a member of the corporation as a condition precedent to election or appointment to the Board. The Board of Directors may be organized into one (1) or more separate categories of Directors as provided in the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the first members of the Board of Directors who shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Donald J. Lackey	16038 Dora Avenue Tavares, Florida 32778
Colleen Doris Lackey	16038 Dora Avenue Tavares, Florida 32778
Milton Howard, Jr.	451 Doctors Drive Oviedo, Florida 32765
Opal Rosemarie Howard	451 Doctors Drive Oviedo, Florida 32765
Paul A. Guthrie	19624 Spring Oak Drive Eustis, Florida 32726
Daniel Arlan Dennis	Post Office Box 231 Mount Dora, Florida 32756
Alprina L. Porter	846 Mary Frank Court Mount Dora, Florida 32757
Mike Coe	8012 Pine Hollow Drive Mount Dora, Florida 32757

John M. Fox

36300 Stratford Court  
Grand Island, Florida 32735

**ARTICLE IX**  
**Informal Action**

To the extent permitted by law, any action required to be taken at any annual or special meeting of the Board of Directors, or any action which may be taken at any annual or special meeting of such Board, may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the Directors.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Amendments of Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation**

The Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation may be amended or repealed by the Board of Directors by an eighty percent (80%) vote at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. All proposed Amendments shall be submitted to each member of the Board of Directors at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting date.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Registered Office and Agent**

The registered office of the corporation shall be:

16038 Dora Avenue  
Tavares, Florida 32778

The registered agent shall be:

COLLEEN DORIS LACKEY

The registered office and registered agent provided for herein may be changed from time to time in the manner provided by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Incorporator certifies to the truth of the facts herein stated, this 11 day of October, 2002.

  
COLLEEN DORIS LACKEY

**ACCEPTANCE**

I hereby accept appointment as Registered Agent of THE GATE CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.

Dated: October 11, 2002.

  
COLLEEN DORIS LACKEY

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