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#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

IVING STONE MINISTRIES

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

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FROM: Pastor Linus Ekechukuru
Name (Printed or typed)

5642 Holybell Dr. #7

Address

904-683-1400.

Daytime Telephone number

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

## ARTICLE I-NAME

ifter Section 1 The name of the corporation is LIVING STONE MINISTRIES INC., (hereinafter "Corporation").

## ARTICLE II- PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: 5642 Holly bell Dr.# 7, Jacksonville, Florida, 32277.

#### ARTICLE III- PURPOSE

The purpose(s) for which the Corporation is organized shall be:

- (I). The corporation is a Not-for-Profit Corporation, organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, to be achieved through the distribution of its funds for such purposes and generally and particularly to establish and/ or maintain one or more places of worship/services and to promote, continue, and encourage the assembly of persons, on a regular basis, for divine worship and other religious and charitable/benevolent observances and practices.
- (2). To provide a vehicle and institution for the preaching and teaching of belief and faith in God.
- (3). To institute, to participate in and/or support, all charitable/benevolent activities and projects divinely inspired or assigned.
- (4). To implement, to institute programs to provide help, and to assist poverty-stricken, homeless, fatherless, and motherless families.
- (5). To ordain, license, commission and consecrate individuals who possess qualifications for ordinations.
- (6). The corporation shall conduct any and all lawful activities that may be necessary, or useful for the furtherance of the forgoing purposes, provided such activities do not endanger the corporation's not-for-profit status.
- (7). The 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.
- (8). To maintain, operate, organize, support charitable/benevolent organizations and missions within and abroad in conducting evangelistic crusades and revivals as well as engaging in such charitable and humanitarian services which do not endanger the not for profit status of this corporation.

# ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the corporation. Pastor Linus Ekechukwu shall determine the number of the directors of the corporation and shall appoint such directors as divinely inspired. In his absence Pastor Maryjoan Chioma Ekechukwu shall appoint and determine the number of directors of the corporation. Otherwise the method set forth in the byelaws shall be followed.

#### ARTICLE V LIABILITIES FOR DEBTS

Neither the members of the board of directors nor the members of this corporation shall be liable for the debts of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The initial Board of Directors of this corporation shall consist of four (4) members whose names and addresses are:

Pastor Linus Uzodinma Ekechukwu (President) of 5642 Holly bell Dr.#7, Jacksonville, FL. 32277.

Pastor Maryjoan Chioma Ekechukwu (Vice President) of 5642 Holly bell Dr.#7, Jacksonville, FL.32277.

Mrs. Mojisola O. Abidogun of 11403 Kabron CT. Jacksonville, FL 32246 Mrs. Elizabeth Mbomeh of 8138 Ibach Road, Jacksonville, FL32216

#### ARTICLE VII PROHIBITIONS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed 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 article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be 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.

This corporation is not organized for pecuniary benefit or financial gain, and, no part of its assets, income, or profit shall be distributed to, or inure to the benefit of its members, directors, except to the extent permitted under the Not-for-Profit corporation law.

#### ARTICLEVIII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator is Pastor Linus Uzodinma Ekechukwu of 5642 Holly bell Dr. #7, Jacksonville, FL. 32277.

# ARTICLE IX QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

The categories of membership, qualifications for membership and the manner of admission shall be as set forth in and regulated by the byelaws of the corporation.

# ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION

Upon 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 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 the said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# ARTICLE XI REGISTERED AGENT/OFFICE

The name and address of the registered agent and office of this corporation is Pastor Linus Ekechukwu of 5642 Holly bell Drive #7, Jacksonville FL 32277.

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation. This 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2003.

Pastor Linus Ekechukwu

