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SUBJECT: HARVEST INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF VENICE, INC.

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

XX \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate & Certified copy

**FROM: HARVEST INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF VENICE, INC.
DEBORAH STERLACE
1615 PECAN ST
NOKOMIS FL 34275**

Please note: We are changing our legal status from fictitious name #G02238900386 to a non-profit corporation with all the rights granted by the State of Florida.

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
HARVEST INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF VENICE, INC.**

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we the undersigned, residents of the State of Florida and citizens of the United States of America, of full age of majority, have for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, in Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., Not For Profit, for the purposes expressed in ARTICLE III hereof, adopted the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The Name of this corporation shall be **HARVEST INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF VENICE, INC.** and its duration is to be perpetual.

ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be 727 Shore Road – Nokomis Florida 34275

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the religious purposes of a church within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America.

In furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers and authority; however, the corporation shall not be empowered, and is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America:

- (a) To operate under the name as set forth in ARTICLE I above;
- (b) To employ qualified legal counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of this corporation;
- (c) To accept financial contributions;
- (d) To conduct its activities in accordance with and subject to all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations;
- (e) To adopt and use a corporate seal;
- (f) To make contracts;
- (g) By its Board of Trustees to appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper; define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; require bonds of such of

them as it deems advisable and fix the penalty thereof; dismiss such officers or employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places;

- (h) To adopt bylaws regulating and establishing:
 - (1) A definite and distinct ecclesiastical government;
 - (2) A formal code of doctrine and discipline;
 - (3) A congregational membership not associated with any church and/or denomination;
 - (4) An organization of ordained ministers ministering to the congregation;
 - (5) A system of ordaining ministers after completing prescribed courses of study;
 - (6) A literature of the ministry;
 - (7) Regular religious services;
 - (8) Training classes and seminars for the instruction of young and old; and
 - (9) Schools for the preparation of its ministers; and
 - (10) Christian Schools for the instruction of children;
- (i) To minister sacerdotal functions and conduct regular religious worship service;
- (j) To adopt and assume Harvest International Church, Inc.'s in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax exempt purposes;
- (k) To use any and all media, including but not limited to, print, television and radio, in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;
- (l) To conduct seminars in the furtherance of its tax-exempt purposes;
- (m) To provide a local place for the worship of Almighty God, Our Heavenly Father;
- (n) To provide for Christian Fellowship for those of like faith, where the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ, the Son of God, may be honored according to our distinctive testimony;
- (o) To assume our share of the responsibility and the privilege of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ;
- (p) To acquire, hold, operate, mortgage, hypothecate, and dispose of any property (real, personal or mixed) whenever necessary or appropriate to the carrying out of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes; and
- (q) To exercise such incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the corporation 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 1954, as amended, of the United States of America.

Notwithstanding any provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not engage in any political activity proscribed by Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America, nor shall any income or assets of the corporation inure to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity.

ARTICLE IV – MANNER OF APPOINTMENT

The Pastor/President at the annual church meeting shall appoint the Board of Trustees of this Corporation. The Trustees agree to serve for a period of five years. The Pastor/President will appoint trustees to any vacancies on the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE V – INITIAL TRUSTEES

The initial Board of Trustees are:

James Sterlace – 727 Shore Road Nokomis FL 34275
Deborah Sterlace – 727 Shore Road Nokomis FL 34275
Leon VanRooyen - 5620 East Fowler Ave., #8 Tampa FL 33617
Bridgett VanRooyen - 5620 East Fowler Ave., #8 Tampa FL 33617

ARTICLE VI – INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The registered agent of the corporation shall be, James S. Sterlace 1615 Pecan St. Nokomis FL 34275

ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

James S. Sterlace
1615 Pecan St
Nokomis FL 34275

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation for any cause, all of the assets and property, both real and personal, then owned or controlled by this corporation shall revert to and become the property of an non-profit institution accorded tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America, to be designated by the board of Directors/Officers; provided, however, that the just debts and liabilities of the corporation shall first be paid. Upon dissolution, none of the assets or property of the corporation shall devolve to the benefit of any private individual or business entity of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX - BYLAWS

The by-laws of the corporation may be made, altered, or rescinded by the Board of Trustees of the corporation, through regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting of the membership of the cooperation, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a majority of the members in good standing.

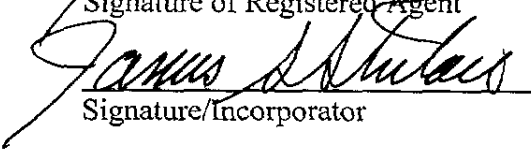
ARTICLE XII - INUREMENT

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefits of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation/organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for service rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501 (c) (3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation/organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation/organization 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 activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation/organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation/organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.)

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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, accept the appointment as registered agent, and agree to act in this capacity


Signature of Registered Agent


Signature/Incorporator


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