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LIGHT OF THE GLADES CHURCH, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes) does hereby make and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

### Article 1 NAME

The name of the Corporation is: LIGHT OF THE GLADES CHURCH, INC.

### Article 2 NOT FOR PROFIT

The Corporation is a corporation not for profit as defined in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statues. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the Corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Members, Directors or Officers, except to the extent permissible under law.

### Article 3 DURATION

The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

### Article 4 PURPOSES

The Corporation is exclusively organized, and shall be operated exclusively for, the following religious, charitable, scientific and educational purposes:

- A. To share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed with the world, especially to those in its own geographical area who are unchurched; to reach out to unchurched people; to give spiritual care to one another; to offer service to the community, and to be an effective instrument of God's love to the individuals whose lives it has opportunity to touch.
- B. To provide for the recruitment, training, and support of effective Christian mentors. leaders, and caregivers, who will be called upon to carry on their ministry in recognized groups; to arrange for regular worship services; offer instruction in the Christian faith; administer such capital acquisitions as may be necessary to support the ministry of the congregation; and institute and support other programs that may be necessary in carrying out the congregation's goals.

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C. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by donation, contribution, bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of such property and the income, principal and proceeds of such property, for any of the purposes set forth herein.

D. To do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the Corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

# Article 5 LIMITATION

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Directors or Officers, but 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 4 (Purposes) 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 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 1954 (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 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

#### Article 6 MEMBERS

The Corporation shall have Voting Members who shall be admitted (and may be removed) by the Board of Directors and who shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Corporation as set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation.

# Article 7 INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial Registered Office of the Corporation is 12670 New Brittany Blvd., Suite 101, Fort Myers, Florida, 33907, and the name of its initial Registered Agent at that address is Robert D. Royston, Jr.

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### Article 8 INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is three (3). The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The Voting Members shall elect the Directors at an annual meeting of Voting Members. The name and address of each initial Director of the Corporation is as follows:

Name:	Address:
James Buehler	16710 Partridge Place Unit 202, Fort Myers, FL 33908
Bert Guest	 18193 Horseshoc Bay Circle Fort Myers, FL 33912
Diana Guest	18193 Horseshoe Bay Circle Fort Myers, FL 33912
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Article 9 BYLAWS

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation are to be made and adopted by the Board of Directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Directors.

### Article 10 AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the Members, Directors and Officers are subject to this reservation.

#### Article 11 NONSTOCK BASIS

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated on a nonstock basis and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock or other certificates or writings evidencing an ownership or proprietary interest in the Corporation.

### Article 12 INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation may indemnify each Officer and Director, including former Officers and Directors, to the full extent permitted by the Florida General Corporation Act and the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

### Article 13 DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

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 all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of pursuant to Florida law and exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

# Article 14 COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The date when corporate existence shall commence shall be as of 12:01 a.m. January 1, 2004 pursuant to Section 617.0123, Florida Statutes.

### Article 15 INCORPORATORS

The name and address of each Incorporator is as follows:

Name:

Address.

Robert D. Royston, Jr.

12670 New Brittany Blvd., Suite 101 Fort Myers, FL 33907

### Article 16 ADDRESSES

The principal office and address of the incorporator of the corporation is 12670 New Brittany Blvd., Suite 101, Fort Myers, Florida, 33907. The mailing address of the corporation is Light of the Glades Church, P. O. Box 1038, Estero, FL 33928.

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In Witness Whereof, the undersigned Incorporator has signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 305 day of December, 2003.

Rebert D. Royston, Jr.

### ACCEPTANCE OF DUTIES OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to act as Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above named Corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, and being familiar with the obligations of this position, I hereby accept the duties of registered agent, agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of Florida law relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Registered Agent has executed this Acceptance of Duties of Registered Agent on the <u>You</u> day of December, 2003.

Repert D. Roystop, Jr., Registered Agent

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