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Division of Corporations  
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Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT: L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. (Laboring In God's House Together Ministry, Inc.)**

**(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)**

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

<u>      </u> \$70.00	<u>  XX  </u> \$78.75	<u>      </u> \$78.75	<u>      </u> \$87.50
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FROM: Daisy Townsend, President  
L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc.  
P. O. Box 608421  
Orlando, Florida 32860-8421  
407/342-1789

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

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

## ARTICLE I:

Name: Laboring In God's House Together Ministry, Inc. (hereinafter known as: **L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc.**)

## ARTICLE II:

P. O. Box 608421, Orlando, Florida (County: Orange) 32860-8421

## ARTICLE III:

This is a Faith-Based Non-Profit Organization. The purpose of this organization is to assist women (ages 21-45) when they are released from jail and/or prison. The individuals must have documented proof of participation in the Jail Ministry while incarcerated and have proven to be ready for rehabilitation in the outside world. The individuals must also meet other criteria, such as, a willingness to learn and follow directions, must show commitment to improving one self, must be recommended by Jail/Prison Chaplain and have a willingness to work and serve others. This organization is designed to aid these women in the areas of biblical studies, job readiness and job training skills, improving their educational and career planning needs, communication skills, Christian counseling, workshops on various topics and to act as a referral source for other needed services in which the individual may require. These services will be provided at L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. Other educational facilities will also be utilized for training purposes within the Orange, Seminole and Osceola Counties. L.I.G.H.T. Ministry is a temporary residential program and each individual will be housed at the facility for sixteen (16) weeks.

The Mission of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Incorporated is to provide spiritual guidance and direction, to teach sound doctrine, aid the individual in gaining successful employment, assist the individual in the rehabilitation process and to provide the individual with a suitable living environment where one can grow spiritually and physically. Our goal is to provide the necessary training and guidance needed through educational, social and physical training to better equip them with knowledge, teaching them the needed tools to be more productive and successful in reaching their goals, and to prevent the increase in crime and the reoccurrence of incarceration.

## ARTICLE IV:

The method in which the Board of Trustees will be appointed is as follows: There are a total of seven (7) Board of Trustees, which have been initially appointed by the President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. There are three (3) titled positions which are as stated:

Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary

All Board of Trustees' positions are voluntary position (without compensation) and shall be maintained (except Chairman and Vice Chairman Office) until individual steps down or individual is relieved from said position. At which time, remaining members may solicit for an additional volunteer(s), not to exceed seven (7) members on the board. However, all remaining Board of Trustees must agree to new appointment. If a discrepancy shall exist, the remaining members shall submit a ballot and the majority vote shall apply. The President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. is excluded from the three titled positions stated above and has no voting power over the three stated positions.

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The positions, Chairman and Vice Chairman will be nominated by the members of the Board of Trustees. Nominees shall hold said position for one (1) year, at which time the current nominees will step down and the nomination process will be utilized to appoint or reappoint nominees for both offices. The position of Secretary will remain a voluntary position and can be held by any member of the Board.

The Board of Trustees is composed of citizens, who serve without pay and are vested with decision-making powers in all matters of the corporation's policy, programs and budget. The President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. shall work in conjunction with the Board of Trustees and make presentations on behalf of the Ministry and provide the necessary documentation in order to assist the Board in facilitating and maintaining the best interest of the ministry/organization.

The Board of Trustees shall meet in regular sessions once each month. These civic-minded individuals will contribute their time and talent to guiding the development of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. so that it remains responsive to the spiritual, physical and educational needs of its participants.

The President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. will act as Liaison within the Board of Trustees in representing, obtaining approvals for L.I.G.H.T. Ministry and making recommendations on issues that pertain to L.I.G.H.T. Ministry. The President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. shall hold the said position (President) indefinitely and has the sole decision-making powers on employing individuals and/or termination of an employee. This is a paid position and her living quarters shall be maintained on site in the actual facility of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. The President of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. shall operate in the best interest of the organization and shall make responsible decisions that may ultimately affect L.I.G.H.T. Ministry by way of improvement and/or increase and growth. Any major changes or any additions and/or deletions of programs shall be taken before the Board of Trustees for approval before any action can be taken. The President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. shall also hold the power to refuse and expel any participant (s) that is deemed not eligible to enter said facility and/or any participant that does not maintain and withhold the standards, rules and policies set forth for L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc.

As part of the Board of Trustees, the Parliamentary Procedures will apply. Parliamentary law is the code of ethics of working together based upon the following:

- a. All members have equal privileges and obligations.
- b. Every proposition presented is entitled to full and free discussion, **within reason**, and will be conducted in a manner that is decent and in order.
- c. Each member of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. Board of Trustees shall act in the best interest of the Organization as a whole.
- d. Each member shall maintain Christian ethics, moral consciousness and compassion while exercising self-control.
- e. Any member not acting in the best interest of the organization, or not maintaining Christian morals and ethics, and/or brings reproach upon the corporation in any manner shall constitute immediate dismissal from his/her volunteer duties within the Board of Trustees.
- f. No member of the Board of Trustees shall sell, loan, grant or make any promises dealing in or around on any portion of the corporation or its property.
- g. The simplest and most direct procedure for accomplishing a purpose shall be followed.

#### **ARTICLE V:**

**Names/Address of Board of Trustees:** Each of the following trustees have been appointed by the President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. and reside in the Orange and Seminole Counties.

**Joyce Smith, Assistant Pastor of "In His Word Ministries Church" – 500 Banyon Tree Circle #104, Maitland, Florida 32751**

Pastor Smith is actively volunteering in the surroundings communities and involved in outreach ministry. She is a college graduate and has been an Ordained Pastor since 1993.

**Chaplain Angela Johnson – 8556 White Rose Drive, Orlando, Florida 32818**

Chaplain Johnson became a full-time Chaplain on February 16, 2002 with Good News Jail & Prison Ministry (GNJPM) serving the female population at Orange County Corrections. She made history by becoming the first full-time African-American female Chaplain with GNJPM and the first African-American Chaplain to be hired by the ministry in Orange County. Prior to becoming a Chaplain she was a Financial Analyst with The Orlando Sentinel for almost 13 years. She has a BA in Economics from Rollins College and MA in Theology from Jacksonville Theological Seminary.

**Chaplain Gloria Jolly - 4444 S. Rio Grande Ave., Apt. 850-C; Orlando, Fla. 32839**

Chaplain Jolly is a Health Educator for the No Longer Bound Program, where she facilitates women empowerment sessions, conduct HIV Awareness and Prevention education and assist in the development of HIV curriculum. She also aided in the development of a residential recovery program and counseled in the area of spiritual growth. She has a BA in Theology, A.A. in Biblical Studies, Certificate in Christian Counseling and a Certificate in Missions/Evangelism. She is also currently writing articles for "Word on Da Street" Magazine.

**Kem Fletcher, Owner - You-Nique Nails - 801 W. Comstock Ave., Winter Park, Florida 32789**

Ms. Fletcher is the owner of You-Nique Nail Salon and is a resident of the Winter Park community. She is a graduate of the Institute of Theology and Ministry Training and is involved with several local community churches.

**Christine Palmer, - 1460 Lancelot Way, Casselberry, Florida 32707**

Ms. Palmer is a Nursing Technician at a Rehabilitative Facility in Orlando and she resides in Casselberry, Florida. Ms Palmer holds a BA in Christian Counseling, A.A. in Biblical Studies, and she is an active volunteer at Orange County Corrections (female population).

**Shirley B. Brooks – 107 Wymore Road, Eatonville, Florida 32751**

Mrs. Brooks is a college graduate and the School Director of Eatonville Christian Academy. She is an active member of the Life Center in Eatonville, and, an active volunteer in outreach ministry and currently involved with the surrounding communities.

**Denise Fluellen – 742 W. Concord Street, Orlando, Florida 32805**

Minister Fluellen has a A.A. in Biblical Studies and serves as Chaplain and Spiritual Leader of the Praise Ministry at "In His Word Ministries". Mr. Fluellen has also served in the capacity as president of the Men's Fellowship at the Orlando Chapter of Church of God. He is active in outreach ministry and currently volunteers in the surrounding communities.

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**Daisy Townsend, President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. – P. O. Box 607513, Orlando, Florida 32860**

Minister Townsend is a licensed Evangelist, an active outreach minister for the homeless, teaches bible study at the Orange County Corrections Facility, and actively volunteering at local nursing homes in Orange and Seminole Counties. Minister Townsend has a BA in Theology, A.A. in Biblical Studies and a Certificate in Mission/Evangelism. She has also coordinated and supervised two (2) programs in the Orange County School System and served as Christian Advisor at Valencia Community College in Winter Park, Florida. She has been active in the community in the capacity as: Junior Achievement Consultant and Educational Specialist for the Boys & Girls Club.

1. No person (s), including the Board of Trustees shall be able to use this business/organization for anything other than the purpose it was intended, nor, use the name or change the name that has been set.
2. This Organization does not accept responsibility for any person (s) or employee acting on their own behalf, without the written permission of the President/Founder/Owner of this organization and will not be sued or defend such actions.
3. No person (s) or employee shall be able to alter, adopt or use corporation's seal.
4. This organization as established the order of appointing the Board of Trustees. Please refer to Article IV. The members of the Board of Trustees shall not be compensated for holding seat.
5. Bylaws shall not be changed, amended or repealed unless Board of Trustees and President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. has given written authorization. Amendments, repeals or changes will remain in conjunction with faith-based ministry, state and federal laws, and in the best interest of the organization.
6. Board shall, by appointment, maintain a number of trustees so that it shall not be less than five (5) and no more than seven (7).
7. No contracts shall be taken or any other liabilities, borrow money, issue notes, bonds, secure mortgage or pledge any property, franchises or income on behalf of this organization except by written consent of the Board of Trustees and President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc.
8. No person (s) shall be able to use, deal, hold, own, improve, take, purchase, receive, lease, take by gift, devise, bequest, acquire, deal in or with real or personal property, or any interest therein without written consent from the President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. and Board of Trustees.
9. No person (s) can or will acquire, utilize, dispose of patents, copyrights and trademarks and any licenses and other rights or interests hereunder or therein unless given written authorization by Board of Trustees and President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc.
10. No person (s) shall be able to sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets without written consent from the Board of Trustees and President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc.
11. Only the President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, along with advisement and/or recommendations from the Board of Trustees may employ, hire or terminate positions for said organization.
12. No funds shall be withheld, invested or loan out, and no property real or personal shall be held for repayment of loans or invested.
13. Donations for public welfare, religious, charitable, and educational may be donated by obtaining written authorization from President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. and Board of Trustees.
14. President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc. and Board of Trustees may exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which organized.

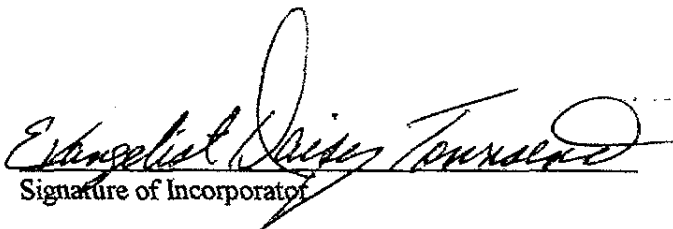
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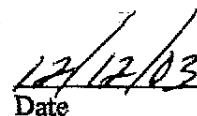
Mrs. Christine Palmer, Registered Agent  
1460 Lancelot Way, Casselberry, Florida

**ARTICLE VII:**

Daisy Townsend, Incorporator  
President/Founder/Owner of L.I.G.H.T. Ministry, Inc.  
P.O. Box 607513, Orlando, Florida 32860

- a. There will be no members to or for this corporation.
- b. Termination of membership or members rights does not apply.
- c. There are no memberships in this corporation.
- d. All equipment, should corporation cease to exist, shall be returned to purchaser.
- e. There are no memberships, therefore class of members, members' rights or dues will not be necessary.
- f. Corporation is not subordinate to the authority of any head or national association, fraternal or beneficial society, foundation, federation, or other corporation, society or organization.
- g. Appointment of Board of Trustees has been set forth in Article IV and Bylaws have been attached to the Articles of Incorporation.
- h. Corporate Powers have been enumerated within the Articles of Incorporation.

  
Signature of Incorporator

  
Date

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

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Christine Palmer 12/12/03  
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