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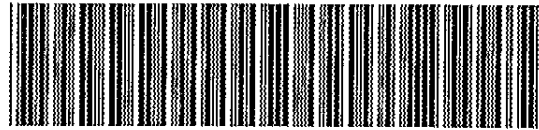
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Helping Hands Ministries, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

☐ \$70.00  
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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
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& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Gladys Harris  
Name (Printed or typed)

802 Poplar Drive  
Address

Lake Park, FL 33403  
City, State & Zip

(561) 844-8478  
Daytime Telephone number

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Glenda E. Hood  
Secretary of State

March 8, 2004

GLADY'S HARRIS  
802 POLAR DRIVE  
LAKE PARK, FL 33403

SUBJECT: HELPING HANDS MINISTRIES, INC.  
Ref. Number: W04000009309

We have received your document for HELPING HANDS MINISTRIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
HELPING HANDS INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES,  
INC.**

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*A Florida Nonprofit Corporation*

**ARTICLE I**

*Corporate Name*

The name of the corporation shall be: Helping Hands International Ministries, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

*Principal place of business and mailing address*

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: 802 Poplar Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403.

**ARTICLE III**

*Corporate Purpose*

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized the specific and primary purpose of:

- a) the advancement of education, religion and charity and any other related or corresponding charitable purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes pursuant to Florida Not For Profit law Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.
- b) to operate exclusively in any other manner for such religions, charitable and/or educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, (or the corresponding provision of any other applicable Internal Revenue Law) as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to

organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, including privated foundationis and private operating foundations.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### ***Duration***

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

## **ARTICLE V**

### ***Management of Corporate Affairs***

(a) Board of Trustees. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Trustees. The number of Trustees of the corporation shall be at least three (3) and shall not exceed fifteen (15), provided, however, that such number many be changed by a bylaw duly adopted by the members.

The Trustees named herein as the first Board of Trustees shall hold office until the first meeting of members at which time an election of Trustees shall be held.

Trustees elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one (1) year until the annual meeting of members following the election of Trustees and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at 802 Poplar Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403 on the First Monday in January of each year or at such other times or places as the Board of Trustees may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Trustees under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Trustees without a meeting, and that the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of this corporation authorize the Trustees to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such initial members of the Board of Trustees are as follows:

Eddie Harris - 802 Poplar Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403

Gladys Harris - 802 Poplar Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403

Teresa Nelson-3137 Avenue "H" East, Riviera Beach, FL 33404

(b) Corporate Officers. The Board of Trustees shall elect the following officers: President, Executive Director, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize the Trustees to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

President/Executive Director - Gladys Harris, 802 Poplar Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403

Vice-President - Eddie Harris, 802 Poplar Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403

Secretary - Lloyd Jackson, 1535 West 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Riviera Beach, FL 33404

Treasurer - Travis Harris, 1427 Charlotte Street, Apartment A, Tallahassee, FL 32304

Registered Agent - Teresa Nelson, 3137 Avenue "H" East, Riviera Beach, FL 33404

## ARTICLE VI

### *Earnings & Activities of Corporation*

(a) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable 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 IV hereof.

(b) 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.

(c) 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 corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

## ARTICLE VII

### *Distribution of Assets*

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees 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 corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE VIII

### *Membership*

(a) The corporation shall have one class of members and no more than one membership may be held by any one person. The rights and privileges of all members shall be equal. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

(b) Any person paying dues provided for by the bylaws and agreeing to be bound by the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the corporation and by such rules and regulations as the trustees may from time to time adopt, is eligible for membership.

(c) A prospective member shall be eligible for membership upon presentation of an approved application by membership committee for approval and acceptance by the Board of Trustees.



## **ARTICLE IX**

### ***Subscribers***

The names and residence addresses of the Subscribers of this corporation are as follows:

Eddie Harris, 802 Poplar Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403

Gladys Harris, 802 Poplar Drive, Lake Park, FL 33403

## **ARTICLE X**

### ***Amendment of Bylaws***

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not For Profit law of the State of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, Bylaw of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Trustees, or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### ***Dedication of Assets***

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious, educational, and charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

## ARTICLE XII

### Registered Agent and Office

The address of the corporation's registered office shall be 3137 Avenue "H" East, Riviera Beach, FL 33404 and the name of its registered agent at said address shall be Teresa Nelson.

## ARTICLE XIII

### Amendment of Articles

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees and presented to a quorum of members for their vote.

We, the undersigned, being the subscribers and incorporators of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Amended Articles of Incorporation this 19<sup>th</sup> day March, 2004.

Gladys Harris  
SUBSCRIBER

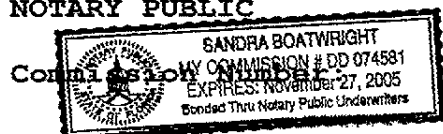
Gladys Harris  
SUBSCRIBER

Teresa Nelson  
REGISTERED AGENT

STATE OF FLORIDA                    )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH            )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004 by Gladys Harris, who is personally known to me or who has produced Driver License as identification and who did/did not take an oath.

Sandra Boatwright  
NOTARY PUBLIC



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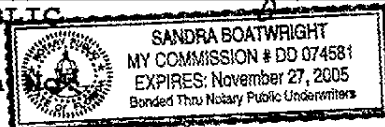
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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS  
MAY BE SERVED AND THE PLACE OF BUSINESS OR  
DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

Helping Hands International Ministries, Inc.,  
desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida  
with its initial registered office as indicated in the  
Articles of Incorporation, at 3137 Avenue "H" East, Riviera  
Beach, County of Palm Beach, State of Florida 33404 has  
named Teresa Nelson as its registered agent to accept  
service of process within this state.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE**

Having been named as the registered agent for the above  
corporation for the purpose of accepting service of process  
at the registered office designated in this certificate, I  
hereby accept such appointment and acknowledgment that I am  
familiar with and accept the obligations and  
responsibilities of such office as provided for in Florida  
Statutes 607.0505.

Teresa Nelson

(NAME)

Registered Agent