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

SUBJECT: MERCY COMMUNITY CHURCH INC.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: REV RANDY R. RICHARDSON
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5773 CARTER SPENCER ROAD
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MiDOLEBINE, FL 32068
City, State & Zip

904-291-5140 Daytime Telephone number

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

## Articles of Incorporation Of Mercy Community Church, Inc.

This is to Certify that we, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida set forth in Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes entitled, "Corporations Not for Profit," for the sole purpose of organizing a non-profit corporation and to that end do hereby set forth the following:

#### Article I,

The name of this corporation is: Mercy Community Church, Inc.

#### Article II,

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 5173 Carter Spencer Road, Middleburg, FL 32068 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Rev. Randy R. Richardson. Principal and Registered Agent's address is 5173 Carter Spencer Road Middleburg, FL 32068

#### Article III,

The purpose of this corporation is as follows:

- (a) To establish and maintain a place for the worship of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, to provide for Christian fellowship for those of like precious faith, where the Holy Spirit may be honored according to our distinctive testimony; to assume our share of responsibility and the privilege of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ by all available means, both at home and in foreign lands.
- (b) The corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simple, in trust, or otherwise, to both real and personal property, and to improve, encumber, sell, convey, and dispose of all such property in conformity with the bylaws of said corporation, and each and every power and right granted to Corporations Not for Profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### Article IV.

The corporation shall have members. Members of the corporation will be required to meet the following qualifications, to-wit:

- a. Testimony to an experience of the "new birth."
- b. Having been baptized in water by immersion.

- c. Evidence of a consistent Christian life (Romans 6:4; 8:1-4; 13:13,14; Ephesians 4:17-32, 5:1,2,15; I John 1:6,7).
- d. An indication of a willingness to contribute regularly to the financial support of the church of which he is to become a member.
- e. Acceptance of the Tenets of Faith as set forth in Article III of these bylaws.
- f. Being natural persons 18 years old or older.
- g. Having regularly attended services of, and supported, this assembly for a period of at least three consecutive months prior to the date of application for membership.
- h. Agreement to being governed by the bylaws of this assembly.
- Persons meeting such qualifications will be admitted in the following manner, to wit:

Those individuals eligible for membership who shall desire to become members of this church shall make written application to the pastor or church board. The church board shall have the right and authority to determine the eligibility and acceptability of all applicants for membership by majority vote. Those approved for membership by the church board shall be received into the church publicly at any of its regular services, and their names thereupon added to the church membership roll. No applicant for membership shall be accepted as a member with 30 day before an annual business meeting or within 10 days before a special business meeting.

 Provided, however, neither the incorporators nor the members of the corporation shall have any vested right, interest or privilege of, in or to the assets, functions, affairs or franchises of this corporation, or any right, interest or privilege which may be inheritable or which shall continue after his membership ceases in the aforenamed corporation.

#### Article V,

This corporation shall exist perpetually or until dissolved by due process of law. Should this corporation cease to exist as a legal entity and its charter be terminated, none of its funds or assets shall be distributed to any officer, Board member, trustee, or any other individual. The church board shall after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the assembly, dispose of all of the funds and assets of the assembly by conveying the same to another non-profit corporation at the time qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Any such funds or assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, to such organization

as said court shall determine, which is organized and operated exclusively for religious purpose.

#### Article VI,

The Board of Directors of this corporation shall be not less than three nor more than five.

#### Article VII,

The names and Places of residence of the original incorporators and subscribers of these Articles are as follows:

Rev. Randy R. Richardson, President/Trustee 5173 Carter Spencer Road Middleburg, FL 32068

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Mr. Fred R. Hendrix, Vice President/Trustee 477 North Celery Ave Jacksonville, FL 32220

Alicia A. Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer/Trustee 5173 Carter Spencer Road Middleburg, FL 32068

#### Article VIII,

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors who shall elect officers as follows: A President, Vice President, and Secretary, which three officers shall be Directors of the Corporation, and such other officers as shall be provided for in the bylaws. They shall be elected from time to time in accordance with the bylaws, and each shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified.

#### Article IX,

The names and addresses of the officers and directors who shall manage the affairs of this corporation until the first annual election, and the office which they will respectively hold until their successors are elected and qualified are as follows, to-wit:

Rev. Randy R. Richardson, President/Trustee 5173 Carter Spencer Road Middleburg, FL 32068 Mr. Fred R. Hendrix, Vice President/Trustee 477 North Celery Ave Jacksonville, FL 32220

Alicia A. Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer/Trustee 5173 Carter Spencer Road Middleburg, FL 32068

#### Article X,

The bylaws of this corporation are to be made, altered, or rescinded by a majority of the qualified members present and voting at any properly called business meeting of the corporation.

### Article XI,

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment must first be approved by the Board of Directors, and then approved at a duly constituted meeting of the members by a majority of those entitled to vote thereon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the subscribers have hereunto set their hands at Jacksonville, Florida this 17th day of July, 2004
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Rev. Randy R. Richardson
Fred R. Hendrix
Alicia A. Richardson
STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF DUVAL
Before Me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared, Rev. Randy R. Richardson, Fred R. Hendrix, and Alicia A. Richardson to me well known who upon having first been duly sworn, depose and say as follows:
1. That they are the subscribers of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.
2. That the allegations set forth and contained in the foregoing Articles are true.
<ol><li>That it is intended in good faith by the members of this corporation to carry out the purposes and objects set forth in the Articles of Incorporation.</li></ol>
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Rev. Randy R. Richardson
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Fred R. Hendrix
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this / 7th day of July 2004.
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Notary Public, State of Florida
My commission Expires: 12/22/06 Tammie Faulkner
MY COMMISSION # DD316767 EXPIRES  December 22, 2006  BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this
day of July
in the year 200 \
Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above named corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to at in this capacity. I further agree to further comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent.

Signature/Registered Agent

Date

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