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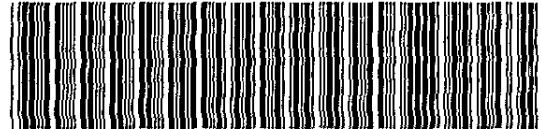
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Department of State  
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SUBJECT: VALLEY of GERAR HOUSE of PRAYER, INC.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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**Articles of Incorporation  
Of  
Valley of Gerar House of Prayer, Inc.**

**PREAMBLE**

In order that the witness of this Church/Ministry may be born and carried out in accordance with scriptural doctrines; that is worship, teachings, ministry and fellowship may be conducted in harmony with Christian principles; and that its business affairs may be administered in an orderly fashion and in a responsible manner consistent with Biblical teachings, we do adopt and set forth these articles of incorporation and its accompanying by-laws.

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

This organization shall be known as Valley of Gerar House of Prayer, Inc., (Gen. 26:17; Isa. 56:7) a non-denominational church and non-profit organization.

**ARTICLE II – AFFILIATION**

The Church/Ministry shall be an affiliated member of Rehoboth Christian Development Corporation, Inc., under Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3), with its national headquarters in Tampa, Florida.

We shall:

1. Endeavor to support the mission and work of this organization.
2. Send delegates to their meetings whenever practical.
3. Adhere to the common standards for training and accreditation of pastors.
4. Recognize and affirm ministers divinely called, scripturally ordained, and sent by license and ordination into Christian ministry and the preaching of the Gospel.
5. Establish guidelines for the licensure and ordination of ministers pursuant to the accompanying by-laws and by the Ordaining Council.
6. Submit to the principles that govern business matters to maintain customary standards for IRS 501(c) (3) group rulings.
7. Be organized exclusively for religious, community, charitable, and educational purposes; including for the purposes of making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

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8. Assist in the formation of churches or ministries, which may elect to be affiliates of Rehoboth Christian Development Centers of Florida, Inc., and as such assume recognition of the IRS as a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization.

### ARTICLE III – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation shall be:

Principal Place of Business: 109 Boulevard South  
Tampa, Florida 33606

Mailing Address of the Corporation: P. O. Box 89865  
Tampa, Florida 33689

### ARTICLE IV – PURPOSE

The purpose of this church/ministry is to glorify God and manifest His character to the community by:

- Recognition and worship of the Triune God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
- Bringing non-believers to faith in Christ both regionally and worldwide.
- Building its members to full maturity in Christ.
- Recognizing and developing the full potential of each member to exercise his/her spiritual gifts.
- Ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of its members and the community as financially feasible.
- Administering the Holy Sacraments of (1) Water baptism by immersion or sprinkling as a public sign of the repentance of sin and receiving the gift of forgiveness and salvation from Christ Jesus; (2) Holy Eucharist as symbolic of the Lord's Supper and remembrance of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection by which we receive salvation and righteousness; (3) Holy Matrimony as a covenant of marriage ordained by God as the union of one man and one woman.

- Administering the Pastoral offices of the church (1) Confirmation and commitment to Christian Service; (2) Blessing of a Civil Marriage; (3) Thanksgiving of the birth or adoption of a child; (4) Healing the sick; (5) Casting out demons; and (6) Burial of the dead.
- Creating a network of community services, programs, and churches to enhance the lives of all peoples. To preach the Gospel and deliver humanitarian aid to our community and to the world.
- Licensing and ordaining those members lawfully called and affirmed by the congregation and confirmed by the Board of Deacons and ordained by the Ordaining Council.
- Developing and providing ministries and outreach programs to meet the spiritual, sustenance, housing, and psychosocial needs of the community.
- Emphasizing the training edification of individuals, children, and families based on Christian principles and scriptural facts regarding all facets of human development and lifestyle, by the grace and law of our Savior Jesus the Christ.
- Training young people and adults to pattern their lives according to biblical principles as it relates to familial and societal responsibilities and contributions through a holistic approach including but not limited to the spiritual, educational, and psychosocial needs of the person.

#### ARTICLE V – STATEMENT OF FAITH

The sole basis of beliefs is the Holy Bible, King James Version and is God's infallible written Word. We believe that the bible is fully inspired by the Holy Ghost, and that it is written without error in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority concerning the matters on which it speaks.

We explicitly affirm our belief in basic biblical teachings, which are nonnegotiable tenets of faith that Valley of Gerar House of Prayer, Inc. is built upon, and are as follows:

1. **We Believe**, the Holy Scriptures are inspired by God, and declare His design and plan for humankind.
2. **We Believe**, there is only one true God – revealed in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, known as the Holy Trinity.
3. **We Believe**, in the deity of the Lord Jesus the Christ, as God's son, Jesus was both holy divine and human.

4. **We Believe**, in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, His ascension to heaven, the rapture and the judgment and His sovereign reign.
5. **We Believe**, though originally sinless, man willingly fell into sin provoking judgment and death, both spiritual and physical, into the world.
6. **We Believe**, every person can have restored fellowship with God through salvation with a penitent and contrite heart, accepting Christ's offer of forgiveness and redemption of sin.
7. **We Believe**, that sanctification occurs *initially* at conversion (salvation) and is not only a declaration that a believer is holy, but also that sanctification is a progressive lifelong process of separating from evil as believers continually draw closer to God and become more Christ like.
8. **We Believe**, every person can become a contributing member of the community with a natural fellowship with members of "the body of Christ", with spiritual, educational, and vocational nurturing.
9. **We Believe**, and practice the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Marriage.
10. **We Believe**, in the evidences of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost to include but only limited by God, as healing the sick; casting out demons; speaking in tongues; and a demonstration of the gifts of the Holy Ghost as apostles, evangelist, preachers, teachers, prophets; and the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, healing, miracles, tongues, interpretation of tongues and the discerning of spirits.
11. **We Believe**, in the Ten Commandments as the spiritual laws, which govern every Christian's life.
12. **We Believe**, in upholding the Constitution of the United States of America and the Laws of this State, as long as they are in keeping with the Holy Bible.

We accept these broad areas of doctrinal teachings on which, *historically*, there is consensus among all true Christians. We desire to allow for freedom of conviction on doctrinal matters, provided that any interpretation is based upon the Bible alone, and that no such interpretation shall become an issue that hinders the ministry to which God has called us.

#### ARTICLE VI – GOVERNMENT/MANNER OF APPOINTED OR ELECTION

The government of this church/ministry shall be under the Lordship of Jesus the Christ and the leadership of the Holy Ghost as exercised through the Board of Elders comprised of those who the Lord has gifted to rule as Bishops, Elders (Overseers), and Deacons. The Senior Pastor (Overseer) is the Head Elder and therefore is the Chairperson of the Board of Elders. The Senior Pastor is an ex

officio member of all ministries or committees. The Deacons will assist the Elders, and various ministries, committees, and staff as set forth in the by-laws, (I Tim. 3: 1 – 13; Tit. 1: 5 – 9; Act. 20:28).

The Founder and Advisory Board shall govern the church/ministry until a permanent Board of Elders is in place. The Founder and Advisory Board shall have the authority to govern the corporation. The Advisory Board shall choose the Pastor/ Overseer for the congregation and bring his/her name before the congregation to be affirmed by the members. The Advisory Board shall have appointed a Board of Elders to govern the church/ministry within one year of the inception of the church/ministry. Once the Advisory Board has appointed a Pastor/Overseer, he/she shall assume the role of Co-Chairperson of the Board of Elders for up to 90 days at which time he/she will become the Chairperson of the Board.

The Ordaining Council shall be comprised of the Board of Elders, the Advisory Board, and at least 10% of the members (congregation) shall be in attendance at a general or special meeting of the members to affirm the appointment, anointing, and ordination of the candidate as the divine calling and sending of the Lord, (Jer. 1:5; 3:15; John 15:16; Act. 14:23; Act. 16:4). The same shall attend the service for the ordination of Bishops, Elders (overseers) and Deacons.

Valley of Gerar House of Prayer shall be regulated by the by-laws for conducting business and affairs of the organization as prepared by the Advisory Board, adopted, and appended by resolution in a general or special meeting of the members, hereto.

#### ARTICLE VII– AFFILIATION

An affiliate designation in the church, Valley of Gerar House of Prayer, shall be the means whereby an individual confesses his/her faith in Jesus Christ, commits himself/herself to this body of believers by accepting the responsibilities which the Scriptures teach rest upon him/her. As an affiliate belonging to the body of Christ, each person entrusts him/her self to the churches spiritual care and counsel. Any individual, who makes a genuine profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, may under the Pastoral office of Commitment and with regular attendance in church services and meetings and as outlined in the by-laws, becomes a member of the Valley of Gerar House of Prayer. The rights and privileges of persons affiliated with the church are defined in the By-laws.

#### ARTICLE VIII – COVENANT OF DISCIPLESHIP

Scriptural precedence has established the need for making covenants to one another. For this reason, included is our covenant commitment to this local body of believers, who are to serve as our church family, brothers and sisters; and to the responsibility for one another's growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior. We are concerned for both the physical and spiritual well-being of each other (Gen. 4:9) and we are to encourage one another daily, so that we do not turn away from Christ (Heb. 3:15).

Therefore, we covenant together as a part of the body of Christ and the Valley of Gerar House of Prayer, house of prayer for all peoples (Gen. 26: 17; Isa. 56:7) to:

- Lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him.
- By the aid of the Holy Ghost, to worship the Triune God in spirit and in truth – privately, in our families, and together as the "body of Christ", and to obey God in every area of our lives as an expression of our worship of Him.
- To exhibit a Christ-like character in our individual lives, in our families, in the church, and in every area where we have influence, as a witness to the world of the reality of the living God;
- To exhibit a Christ-like care and watchfulness over each other by faithfully encouraging, exhorting, and admonishing one another that each of us may grow in our obedience to and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ in all areas of our life;
- To demonstrate our love for the Lord and our loyalty to one another by warning and rebuking another brother who may be overtaken in a fault or sin according to the steps in Matthew 18:14-17;
- To employ each member's gifts to the furtherance of the Church's purity, worship, and building up of the "body of Christ"; and
- To train our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We further promise our time, talents, tithes, and offerings from our substance in the measure that God has prospered us, so that we might share with those in need, first within the body of Christ, and then in the community and throughout the world, as our witness of the Gospel of Jesus the Christ; and to commit ourselves to the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world.

We being mindful of our weaknesses and insufficiency, and knowing that of ourselves we can do nothing, we humbly implore God's help and guidance in our solemn endeavor to fulfill this Covenant.

#### ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS



All changes shall be guided by a desire to reflect biblical attitudes and Christian principles. Further, all changes to this constitution shall reflect the goals and objectives as established by the Advisory Board, Board of Elders, and the strategic plan of the corporation and its members.

This constitution may be amended at a regularly scheduled or special business meeting with the Board of Elders.

1. Notice of the proposed amendment, in writing, shall be mailed or otherwise provided to the Founder, all members of the Advisory Board, Board of Elders and members, at least two weeks prior to the meeting;
2. That notice of the proposed business has been printed in the Church bulletin or announced from the pulpit at each worship service during the two weeks prior to the meeting;
3. That there must be a quorum of the Elders present, for a vote to take place on an amendment, and an affirmative vote for an amendment shall not be less than a majority of the affiliates votes with the distinction as "congregational affiliate" (congregation) cast by those present, and
4. That the (congregation) by an audible vote may endorse or deny a decision of the Board of Elders at the same or next meeting of the congregation. This is a non-binding vote upon the Board of Elders, but is essential to maintain unity within the congregation.

#### ARTICLE X – OTHER

No part of the net earnings of the Valley of Gerar House of Prayer shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its Advisory Board, Officers, or other private persons. However, the Valley of Gerar House of Prayer, Inc., shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501(c) (3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be to carry on propaganda, or otherwise participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Valley of Gerar House of Prayer, Inc., shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by an

organization, contributions which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding provisions of any future United State Internal Revenue Law).

The term for which this organization is to exist is perpetual, except that upon dissolution of Valley of Gerar House of Prayer, Inc., which the Founder and Advisory Board shall:

1. Pay or make provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation.
2. Dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the organization, and
3. Dispose of the organizations assets in such a manner, or to organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or religious purposes, as at the time shall qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction, as said Court shall determine, to organizations, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE XI – NAMING THE INCORPORATOR AND CONSENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

##### SECTION 111 NAMING THE INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (F. S.) shall be reported herewith as:

Charla M. Gautierre, 109 Boulevard South, Tampa, Florida 33606

The incorporator signature and printed name pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (F. S.) in the certificate of this document below.

##### SECTION 211 – CONSENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

The naming and acceptance of the registered agent pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (F. S.) is documented as follows:

##### CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT

1. I, Helen Johnson, 4502 Preston Woods Drive, Valrico Florida 33594, voluntarily consent to serve as the registered agent for Rehoboth Christian Development Centers of Florida, Inc. a Non Profit Corporation.
2. I know and understand the duties of a registered agent as set forth in the Florida Statutes for a Non Profit Corporation.

Signed

Helen G. Johnson

Printed

Helen G. Johnson

Dated

2-9-05

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the Advisory Board of the church/ministry adopted this true and correct copy of the constitution of the church/ministry named in the title thereto and that such constitution on the date set forth below.

Board Member

Signature

Address

Helen G. Johnson

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