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SUBJECT:/	ATURA	FELL UWSHI	· INC
<b>,</b>	(PROPOSEĎ CORPORA	TE NAME – <u>MUST INCLUI</u>	DE SUFFIX)
Enclosed is an original a	nd one(1) copy of the Art	icles of Incorporation and a	check for:
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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF NATURA FELLOWSHIP, INC.

We, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a corporation for religious and charitable purposes under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes (but subject to the Statutory exemptions from certain provisions pursuant to exemptions from State Regulations and control as a religious corporation in accordance with the provisions of FS 617.2103), do agree to the following:

### ARTICLE I NAME & PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The name of the corporation shall be **NATURA FELLOWSHIP**, **INC.**, (and it shall commonly be known and referred to as the "Natura Fellowship", hereinafter referred to as the "Church") and its initial office address shall be 1662 Quail Lake Drive, Venice, FL 34293, Venice, FL 34293. It's initial address for its activities shall be 12709 Wynn Lane, Hudson, FL 34669.

#### ARTICLE II TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation is to exist perpetually.

## ARTICLE III COMMENCEMENT OF EXISTENCE

The corporation shall be deemed to commence its existence on the date of fling and assignment of charter number.

## ARTICLE IV PURPOSES

The corporation is organized as a not-for-profit organization exclusively for religious purposes which includes works of charity as required by the Articles of Faith. The specific purposes of the corporation is to:

A: To implement specific religious services and programs, offer administrative support for members, being a religious group which supports accepts the "priesthood of all believers" as defined in the Holy Scriptures, members of Natura Fellowship, including its branches and affiliates, educational entities, appropriate charities, low income housing, and other activities consistent with its religious beliefs which are also in accordance with Section501-c-3 of the United States Internal Revenue Service Code; specifically including the ability to receive and maintain a fund or funds fo such services and Programs. The corporation recognizes that each person is given different gifts from God and some may be called in various capacities for service to the church. To that end, the corporation may take and receive by gift, grant bequest, devise or otherwise any and all property of any sort or nature without limitation as to the amount of value, and to manage, administer, invest, reinvest and dispose of the same. The corporation may also administer other funds, including endowment funds, and may rom time to time pay and apply the funds and property for the corporation, including principal as well as income therefore, fr the support of

ministerial services and programs of Natura Fellowship, Inc.

- B: To provide places or houses of worship and spiritual fellowship for its members, with special emphasis on families where they may among other similar believers and be in a safe environment, and where possible, in addition to a place of worship, to provide adequate recreational facilities including appropriate campgrounds, retreat centers, schools, and all things necessary to provide for a religious lifestyle that may reject many secular positions and activities.
- C: Subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any gift, devise or bequest to invest its funds in such montages (including mortgages on any of its affiliates) bond, debentures, shares of preferred and common stock and other securities and property as its Trustees shall deem advisable, and to theat ed to purchase, sel,, mortgage lease, pledge, encumber, assign and transfer the same.
- D: To the extent permitted by law, to do everything necessary or proper for carrying out of the foregoing purposes.
- E. To carry out all other purposes consistent with the Christian faith as determined by the Board of Trustees which shall generally be consistent with the Faith and Practice of the "Richmond Declaration" adopted by the Religious Society of Friends (also known as the Quakers) in1886 and which continues in use by the Friends United Meeting and the Evangelical Friends International. The Board recognizes that all people are created in the image of God.
- F: To perform the usual functions of a church including he administration of appropriate sacraments including baptisms, communion, foot washing (following Jesus' washing of the feet f his disciples for those wishing to participate) conducting marriages (in accordance with the special provisions of Florida Statutes 741.07 (2).

#### ARTICLE V QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

The initial members of this corporation shall be those elected at its founding meeting and shall consist of not less than three persons.

#### ARTICLE VI SUBSCRIBERS

The name and office address of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are:

John Allan
David Blood
Richard Bloom
Andrew Conlyn
Alan Fazzan
Kathy Fazzan
David Hinkle
Joe Long
William R. Martin
Randy Martinson
Jef Walker

each of whom have an office address at 1662 Quail Lake Drive, Venice, FL 34293 until April 1, 2005 and thereafter at 12709 Wynn Lane, Hudson, FL 34669

#### ARTICLE VII BOARD OF Trustees

The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Trustees. This corporation shall have as many Trustees initially as there are subscribers, who shall be the same. The number of Trustees may be increased or decreased from time to time, in accordance with the By-laws but shall never be less than three. The Trustees shall appoint new or additional Trustees and shall establish a means whereby any related groups, worship groups, or auxiliaries, may nominate candidates for the Board of Trustees. Any related groups or auxiliaries may be part of this corporation or may become a separate corporation subject to the ultimate control of NATURA FELLOWSHIP, INC. The subscribers listed above shall serve as the first Board of Trustees for the ensuing year or until he first annual meting of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

Section 1. The offices of the corporation shall be the Chairperson (equivalent to president for state purposes), one or more Vice Chairperson (vice Presidents for the state purposes), a Secretary and a Treasurer, any additional Assistant Secretaries or Treasurers, and such other officers as my be provided in the By-laws. A person may hold more than one office at one time.

Section 2. The initial trustees shall be those subscribers but may immediately elect additional trustees as they may determine appropriate in accordance with By-laws to be adopted.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting of th Board of Trustees or as provided in the By-laws.

#### ARTICLE IX BY-LAWS

The fundamental by-laws shall be the following religious documents

- 1. The Richmond Declaration (as a basic statement of faith generally used by the Orthodox branch of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) including the Holy Scriptures.
  - 2. The book written by Pope John Paul II entitled "Love and Responsibility",
  - 3. The book entitled "The Epiphany of the Body" written by Michael McGrath.
  - 4. Such other writings as may be endorsed by the Board of Trustees.

Procedural by-law or rules, consistent with these religious writings shall be adopted to provide for auxiliaries, additional worship groups and all such matters as to Discipline and guidance and governance for such groups.

The By-Laws or rules may be amended, alerted or rescinded by the Board of Trustees at

any regular or specially called meeting of the corporation and shall consider but not be bound by the advice of its auxiliaries and worship groups.

#### ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered or rescinded by the Board of Trustees at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Trustees. However, the Board of Trustees should first attempt to get a consensus among constituent groups; however the Board of Trustees may make a decision without receiving such a consensus.

#### ARTICLE XI CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS

The business and affairs of he corporation shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the Civil law, including the protections afforded under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the similar provisions of the Florida Constitution and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of Florida and of the United States., by the direction given by the Holy Spirit and the applicable teachings of Christianity as interpreted by the referenced documents including he writings of early Christian leaders and by the By-laws or rules of this corporation which may include and designate additional religious writings consistent with the belief system of Natura Fellowship, Inc.

## ARTICLE XII LIMITATION ON ACTIVITIES

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 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 of the corporation (including reasonable interest on any funds loaned or advanced to the corporation so long as it is no greater than on sums paid to others). No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of prohibited propaganda prohibited by the Internal Revenue Service law (but this provision shall in no way be interpreted or used to restrict this corporation from advocating, teaching or publishing such religious materials as the Board of Trustees determines proper nor shall it be interpreted to restrict the advocating its belief system though any legal means. It may specifically advocate, teach and publish materials which emanate from the religious belief system of the corporation and its members as identified above or as approved by the Board of Trustees so long as it does not involve propaganda otherwise prohibited such as propaganda on behalf of political candidates. It shall take stands which are consistent with the teachings of Christ and particularly as practiced by the early Christian church even if those stands may differ from societal cultural standards) or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501©)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Code.

### ARTICLE XIII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the undertaking of this corporation and upon the dissolution of this organization all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations selected by the Board of Trustees (or in the case of any restricted gifts, the Board of Trustees should attempt to get permission or approval from the original donor) which have qualified for exemption under Section 501-c3 of the Internal Revenue Code, and none of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer or director of this corporation, provided, however, that the corporation may conform benefits in the form of distributions, in dissolutions or otherwise, upon a not for profit corporate member described in section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

## ARTICLE XIV INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 1662 Quail Lake Drive, Venice, FL 34293, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at the address is William R. Martin.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned subscribing incorporator, have hereunto set hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 2005 for the purpose of forming this corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

William R. Martin

#### **ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process on behalf of the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

William R. Martin Registered Agent