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April 4, 2006

Business Organization Filing Section Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: The Community Church and Life Recovery Ministries, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the following items submitted for a Florida Non-Profit Incorporation:

Articles of Incorporation (2 copies)

Check in the amount of \$78.75

Incorporation Fee - \$35.00 Designation of Registered Agent - \$35.00 Certificate Under Seal - \$8.75

If all is in order, please send your Letter of Notification, the Certificate Under Seal and one copy of the Articles to the letterhead address above.

Sincerely,

Clement H. White

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#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

April 10, 2006

CLEMENT H WHITE, ATTORNEY 6261 THIRD AVE NORTH ST PETERSBURG, FL 33710

SUBJECT: THE COMMUNITY CHURCH AND LIFE RECOVERY MINISTRIES,

INC.

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We have received your document for THE COMMUNITY CHURCH AND LIFE RECOVERY MINISTRIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The registered agent and street address must be consistent wherever it appears in your document.

The person designated as registered agent in the document and the person signing as registered agent must be the same.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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### THE COMMUNITY CHURCH and LIFE RECOVERY MINISTRIES INCLORED

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of forming and organizing a corporation not for profit, under the laws of the State of Florida, and with our associate members do hereby adopt and declare the following as the Articles of Incorporation.

#### **PREAMBLE**

For the more certain preservation and security of the principles of our faith, and to the end that this body may be governed in an orderly manner and for the purpose of preserving the liberties inherent in each individual member of this church and the freedom of action of this body with respect to its relation to other churches of the same faith, we do declare and establish this as the Constitution and Charter of the Church.

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation shall be **THE COMMUNITY CHURCH and LIFE RECOVERY MINISTRIES, INC.** and it shall be located in Pinellas County, Florida.

#### **ARTICLE II**

This Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation shall exist in Perpetuity.

#### ARTICLE III

Section 1. The general nature of the object of the corporation shall be religious, benevolent, and educational, and as such it shall have all the powers incident to corporations of such character. The specific religious object of the church is the promotion, teaching and furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ as set forth in the Bible, and to perpetuate an organization of Christians, self-governing as to all actions and proceedings.

Section 2. Policy: The government of this church is vested in the body of baptized believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical body, but it recognizes and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel and cooperation which are common among Baptist churches, and so chooses voluntarily to affiliate and cooperate in the work and fellowship of the Suncoast Baptist Association, the Florida Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist

Convention.

Section 3. Doctrine: This church receives the Scriptures as its authority in all matters of faith and practice. It takes the Bible and the Bible alone as the standard by which all matters of belief and conduct are to be decided. It holds that true Christianity does not consist of creeds and confessions of faith but is essentially the relationship of the regenerate believer to God in Christ through the Holy Spirit on the basis of the revealed Word.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

Section 1. The church shall elect such officers, directors or trustees, but no less than three, and may establish teams, ministries and other organizational units, and specify the number, method of election, qualifications, duties, and functions in the church's bylaws.

Section 2. The corporation shall have full power to acquire by gift, grant, purchase, devise, legacy or otherwise, real estate for use of said church, and to hold, possess, enjoy, mortgage, alienate and dispose of same. No real property belonging to the church shall be at anytime alienated or encumbered except by a majority vote of the members of the church, present and voting, at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, the same having been presented and discussed at a regular or special meeting preceding by at least two weeks the said business meeting at which final vote is taken, and having been announced from the pulpit on the Lord's Day preceding such vote.

#### **ARTICLE V**

Section 1. Qualifications: The membership of this church shall consist of such persons as confess Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord, and who (1) after due examination by the church as to their Christian experience, and, if coming from other churches, as to their letter of recommendations, (2) have been accepted by vote of the church, and having been baptized, (3) enter into its covenant. Anyone having been a member of a Baptist church, or a church of like faith and order, and having accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and having been baptized, and in consequence of peculiar circumstances having no letter of recommendation, may be received by statement into the fellowship of the church through the same process.

Section 2. Duties: Members are expected to be faithful in all duties essential to the Christian life; to regularly attend the services of this church, to give regularly for its support and its cause, and to share in its organized work.

Section 3. Rights: Such members as are in full and regular standing, and such only, may act and vote in the transactions of the church. Each and every such member of the church has a right to a voice in the government, plans, and discipline of the church, since it is a true democracy at work.

Section 4. Quorum: A quorum for any regular or specially called business meeting shall be church members present and voting, except as otherwise stated in the church by-laws.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The initial corporate address is 1295 Church Street, Largo, FL 33778 The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 1295 Church Street, Largo, FL 33778. The name of the initial registered agent at that address is Mack Ray Johnson, Jr.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

The name and address of the incorporators signing these Articles of Incorporation are:

NAME A	ADDRESS
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Mack Ray Johnson, Jr. 11781 - 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

Largo, FL 33778

Jeffery Allen Goode 1000 - 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue North

St. Petersburg, FL 33704

April L. Lester 1201 Seminole Boulevard #81

Largo, FL 33770

William J. Lester 1201 Seminole Boulevard #81

Largo, FL 33770

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, and church by-laws may be enacted, amended and rescinded by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular or specially called business meeting at least two weeks prior to the vote.

1. Any amendments to the Articles or by-laws must be presented in writing at a regular or specially called business meeting at least two weeks prior to

the vote.

2. An announcement must be made from the pulpit during the Lord's day morning worship service preceding the business meeting notifying the church of the proposed vote and specifying the subject, time and date of the business meeting plus a reference to the published text of the amendment(s).

#### **ARTICLE IX**

THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE PERPETUAL. In the event of dissolution of this corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, to another church of like faith and order, or to the Florida Baptist Convention or to the Southern Baptist Convention, and none of the remaining assets shall be distributed to any member, officer, or trustee of this corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned as incorporators and registered agent for the Corporation, so accepting that appointment, execute these Articles of Incorporation on the 474 day of April, 2006.

Mack Ray Johnson, Jr., Incorporator

Jeffen Mon Dorsy Jeffery: Allen Goode, Incorporator

April L. Lester, Incorporator

William J. Lester, Incorporator

# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me by MACK RAY JOHNSON, Jr., JEFFERY ALLEN GOODE, APRIL L. LESTER and WILLIAM J. LESTER.

WITNESS MY HAND and official seal this 4 H day of And , 2006.



Notary Public, State of Florida

#### Registered Agent's Acceptance

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, I hereby accept appointment as its agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to 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 duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation.

Mack Ray Johnson, Jr.