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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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SUBJECT: WORKS FOR GOD'S DIVINE PURPOSES, 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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& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: GLINDA J. MERRITT

Name (Printed or typed)

2754 POPLAR SPRINGS ROAD

Address

MARIANNA, FL 32446

City, State & Zip

(850) 482-3916

Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Works for God's Divine Purposes, Inc.

(Florida Non-Profit Corporation)

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

THE UNDERSIGNED, each with the capacity to contract, hereby executes and acknowledges these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Florida. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this corporation shall be *Works for God's Divine Purposes, Inc.* The physical address of the corporation is 6254 Cemetery Avenue, Cypress, Florida 32432. The mailing address of the corporation is 2754 Poplar Springs Road, Marianna, Florida 32446.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The specific purpose for which the corporation is initially organized is to ESTABLISH AND OVERSEE PLACES OF WORSHIP, CONDUCT THE WORK OF EVANGELISM WORLDWIDE, CREATE DEPARTMENTS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES AND TO LICENSE AND OVERSEE MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL and to also engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501©(3), Internal Revenue Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (i) 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 law, or (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170©(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. The purposes for which this corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLES 3. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION

The corporation will have non-voting members known as covenant fellowship partners which will be detailed in the bylaws.

The members or covenant fellowship partners of the corporation shall consist of any person accepted by the board of directors expressing a desire to help further the purposes for which the corporation was organized, and who displays a willingness to regularly contribute time and service for this regard. A mature person, of noble character, and good reputation within the community, who is willing to contribute time and money for these purposes may, upon request, be admitted to membership by vote of majority of the board of directors.

The date of commencement of corporate existence shall be when these articles have been filed with the Department of State and approved by it and the respective filing fee has been paid; the term for which the corporation is to exist shall be perpetual. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501©(3), Internal Revenue Code. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, no part of the corporation's earnings or assets shall inure to the benefit of any of its members; the residual assets of the corporation shall be distributed to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501©(3) and 170©(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE 5. NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 2. 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

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 1986 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) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue laws.

ARTICLE 6. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name of the initial Registered Agent of the corporation is Charlene K. Brown, and the street address of the Initial Registered Agent of this corporation is 2754 Poplar Springs Road, Marianna, Florida 32446.

ARTICLE 7. INCORPORATOR

The name(s) and residence addressee(s) of the subscribers to these articles are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Glinda J. Merritt	2754 Poplar Springs Road, Marianna, Fl 32446

ARTICLE 8. DIRECTORS

The board of directors of the corporation shall consist of no less than three (3) directors as determined by the bylaws. Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members in the manner set forth in the bylaws. Directors may be removed and the vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided by the bylaws. The directors named in these articles shall serve as directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation, and any vacancies before then shall be filled in the manner set forth in the bylaws. The board of directors shall have the authority to make provision for reasonable compensation to its members for their services as directors and to fix the basis and conditions upon which this compensation shall be paid. Any director may also serve the corporation in any other capacity and receive compensation therefrom in any form. The directors whose positions and duties are set forth in the bylaws will manage the affairs of this corporation. The names and addresses of the directors who are to serve until the first election are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Charlene K. Martin-Brown	2754 Poplar Springs Rd. Marianna, Fl 32446
Reuben Merritt, Jr.	2754 Poplar Springs Rd. Marianna, Fl 32446
Donna J. Benbow	2696 Poplar Springs Rd. Marianna, Fl 32446
Glinda J. Merritt	2754 Poplar Springs Rd. Marianna, Fl 32446

ARTICLES 9. BYLAWS

The first bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the board of directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by the board of directors in the manner provided by such bylaws.

ARTICLES 10. AMMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These articles of incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or in the following manner:

Every amendment shall be approved by the board of directors.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, for the purposes of becoming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of the laws of Florida, do make and affix my signature to acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of State these articles of incorporation.

WITNESS my respective hand and seal on the date and place indicated below.

Glinda J. Merritt
GLINDA J. MERRITT/INCORPORATOR

Having been named as Registered Agent to accept service of process for 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.

Charlene Brown
CHARLENE K. MARTIN-BROWN/REGISTERED AGENT

Melissa A Purvis



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