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**SUBJECT:** World Praise Ministries, Inc

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

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**FROM:** Dexter Harrell  
P. O. Box 14676  
Tallahassee, FL 32317  
(850) 878-0398

**NOTE:** Original and one copy of the articles provided.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

## **Article I**

*The name of the corporation shall be:*

**World Praise Ministries, Inc.**

## **Article II**

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

### **BUSINESS ADDRESS**

**4271 Raleigh Way  
Tallahassee, Florida 32311**

### **MAILING ADDRESS**

**Post Office Box 14676  
Tallahassee, Florida 32317**

## **Article III**

*The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:*

**To operate exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, and distinct ecclesiastical purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or any superseding statute thereto, and such purposes shall include the following:**

**A. Religious**

**B. To conduct a local church by the direction of the Lord Jesus Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in accordance with all the Commandments and provisions as set forth in the Holy Bible, the Word of God. Pursuant thereto, the following activities and guidelines shall be established:**

- (1) A recognized Creed, Code of Doctrines, Disciplines and forms of Worship shall be established.**
- (2) An ecclesiastical form of government shall be established.**
- (3) Disseminate or spread the Word of the Gospel and the Kingdom of God through seminars, radio, television, audio and videocassette**

tapes, establishment and production of Church literature, and other forms of mass media for the purpose of educating the individual in the Word of God.

- (4) To maintain and conduct a local and international Church by the direction of the Lord Jesus Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in accordance with all the provisions as set forth in the Holy Bible
- (5) Establishment of a church support system based upon the acceptance of a recognized creed and belief.
- (6) Establishment of various religious activities pursuant to the recognized creed, form of worship, code of doctrines, and disciplines of the church and to provide Sunday School or any other type of religious activities for Christians or Believers in God, and educational instructions to the young and elderly.
- (7) Promote and encourage, through the ministries of the Church, cooperation with other organizations ministering within the community
- (8) To acquire and hold such property, either real or personal for Church purposes, as may be necessary for its membership and the worship of God.

In accordance with and besides the powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida, the Non-Profit Corporation shall have the following powers:

- A. To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any of the purposes of the Corporation and its work.
- B. To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credit.
- C. To acquire, own, lease, mortgage, and dispose of property, both real and personal.
- D. To conduct and carry on religious services and instructions through the public media, including newspapers, book publishing, electronic broadcasting, AM and FM radio,

telecasting, microwave distribution, closed circuit transmission, and cable television.

- E. To acquire, own, and operate such communication media as printing presses and publishing Facilities, broadcasting and/ or telecasting Facilities.
- F. To issue annuities and to enter-gift annuity contracts.
- G. To establish and maintain a financial ministry to teach, provide, and apply financial principles and stewardship as given in the Bible, for benefit of members, constituents and adherents of World Praise Ministries.
- H. To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.
- I. To acquire, hold, own, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of shares of capital stock, bonds, obligations, or other securities of other corporations, domestic or foreign, as investments or otherwise, in carrying out any of the purposes of the Corporation and, while the owner thereof, to exercising all rights, powers, and privileges of ownership, including the power to vote thereon.

World Praise Ministries is not organized, nor shall it operate, for pecuniary gain or profit, nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any members, directors, trustees, or individuals, except that World Praise Ministries shall be authorized and empowered to pay and to be paid a reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article VII hereof. No substantial part of the activities of World Praise Ministries shall be the carrying of propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation, and World Praise Ministries shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) a political campaign. Notwithstanding and other provisions of these Articles, World Praise Ministries shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried in by:

- A. A Corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code on 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or,

- B. A Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or,**
- C. In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, or in the event it shall cease to carry out the objects and purposes herein set forth, all of the business, property and assets of the Corporation shall go and be distributed to such Non-Profit Corporation qualifying as an Organization exempt under the provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code on 1954, as amended, or any superseding statute thereof, and as an Organization qualifying as a public charity under the provisions of Section 509 (a) (1) or 509 (a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code on 1954 , as amended, or any superseding statute, as the Directors or Trustees of the Corporation may select and designate; and in no event shall any of said assets or property, in the event of dissolution thereof, go or be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sum subscribed, donated or contributed by such members, or for any other such purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the County in which the principal office of the Corporation is located, exclusively for such purposes, or the Organization as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.**

**Special provision authorized or permitted by statute to be contained in the Articles of Incorporation, are shown as follows:**

# **I**

**This corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of Florida Non-Profit Corporation Code. All trustees of this Corporation now in good and regular standing, and such other members as the Board of Trustees shall from time to time admit to membership, shall be members of this Corporation.**

## **II**

**The business and property of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors (Trustees). The present Trustees now duly constituted and elected shall constitute the Board of Trustees and they shall hold their offices permanently and so far as may be until other or further election. In the event of the inability of any Trustee to act, or in the event of the death of any Trustee, the remaining Trustees shall elect another Trustee, or Trustees, to fill the vacancy or vacancies, thus created. Each Trustee shall be a member in good standing of the Corporation. A new Trustee shall be elected by a majority vote of the total Trustees, excluding the Trustee whose position is being filled by vote.**

- a. The Trustee in their collective capacity shall known as the Board of Directors and under that name shall constitute the governing body, and shall conduct and transact all business of the Corporation.**
- b. The Trustees shall have power and authority to hold an annual meeting of the Board of Directors and may likewise hold a special meeting as may be determined by the Board of Directors. The annual meeting, if and when held, shall be held at the offices of the Corporation 4271 Raleigh Way, Tallahassee FLORIDA on the first (Monday) of (June) in each year at the hour of 7:00 p.m. of such day, or as soon thereafter in each year as is possible for the Trustees to call such meeting; and any special meetings may be held at such time as the Trustees may determine, and all meetings shall be held at the offices of the Corporation of Tallahassee, FLORIDA.**

- c. The Board of Directors shall have and is hereby given power and authority to provide for the qualifications and requirements for membership without doctrinal provisions or terminology shall primarily require a belief in the Christian religion and in the salvation of men by grace through faith in Jesus Christ as the only atonement made for sin, and in the Godhead and the Church as one Spiritual Body made up of all true believers and shall provide the means and manner of admission of membership, which admission shall be free of charge therefore, and shall likewise provide means for suspension from its membership.
- d. The Board of Directors shall have authority and power, which is hereby given to provide suitable and proper means and religious ceremony and required tests and qualifications for entrance into the ministry of the Church, hereby being established and organized and by and through the means as established and administered that any and all applicants may be inducted into the ministry thereby license, commission, or full ordination with all Church authority possible for any Church or ecclesiastical body to given or to possess or to administer, giving therein authority to administer all sacred services of ecclesiastical bodies and to include all sacred and sacramental services, and to further include the marriage services and together with the sacred services of baptism.
- e. The Board of Directors shall have authority and power, which is hereby given to establish, institute, operate, and maintain any and all such additional departments, associations, institutions, schools, mission stations, programs, and/or any and all such other vehicles as may be deemed appropriate and advisable by said Board of Directors for the propagation of the Gospel, religious teaching,



**Christian and religious worship and where within the United sates of America and/ or in any other country.**

- f. The Board of Directors of World Praise Ministries shall have authority and power, that is hereby given, to negotiate or designate agents to negotiate all the business transactions, all receipts, and all disbursements, for any such additional departments, associations, institutions, schools, mission stations, programs, and/ or any such other vehicles established or instituted by this Corporation.**
- g. A majority of the trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction by the Board of Directors of any business, in accordance to the laws of the State of FLORIDA.**

#### **Article IV**

**The Manner in which the Directors or Trustees of the Corporation shall be elected or appointed shall be governed by the provisions of the By-Laws of the Corporation.**

**The Corporations shall be a sovereign body, and the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation shall be governed by the provisions of the By-laws of the Corporation.**

**The place where the business of World Praise Ministries shall be transacted is 4271 Raleigh Way, Tallahassee, FLORIDA, where said principle office shall be.**

**This action was taken by unanimous consent of all Board of Directors of the Incorporation in accordance with the appropriate statutes of the Sate of FLORIDA.**

**This action was taken by unanimous written consent of all Board of Directors of the Incorporation in accordance with the appropriate statutes of the state of FLORIDA, requiring no notice and received the vote of a majority of the Board of Directors in office, there being no members having voting rights in respect thereof.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned board of Directors, have hereunto  
set our hands in Tallahassee, FLORIDA, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2007.

  
Incorporating Director (Trustee)

Dexter L. Harrell, CEO/ President



Incorporating Director (Trustee)

Christina R. Harrell, CFO/ Vice-President



Incorporating Director (Trustee)

Tara V. Collins, Member

Notary

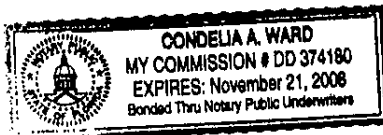
Sworn / Affirm to and subscribed by Dexter L. Harrell, Christina R. Harrell, & Tara V.  
Collins, before me on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

11/21/08  
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**Article V**

*The Initial Board of Directors (Trustees) shall be three (3) in number, with their name and addresses as follows:*

Name	Number Street	City	State	Zip
Dexter L. Harrell	4271 Raleigh Way	Tallahassee	FL	32311
Christina R. Harrell	4271 Raleigh Way	Tallahassee	FL	32311
Tara V. Collins	1987 Nicklaus Drive	Tallahassee	FL	32301

**Article VI**

*The name and street address of the initial registered agent and registered office is:*

**Registered Agent: Christina R. Harrell**  
**Registered Office Address: 4271 Raleigh Way**  
**City: Tallahassee State: Florida**  
**Zip Code: 32311 County: Leon**

**Article VII**

*The name of the Incorporator is:*

**Incorporator: Dexter L. Harrell**  
**Office Address: 4271 Raleigh Way**  
**City: Tallahassee State: Florida**  
**Zip Code: 32311 County: Leon**

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*Having been named as a 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.*

Christina R. Harrell  
Signature/ Registered Agent

5/14/07  
Date

[Signature]  
Signature/ Incorporator

5/14/07  
Date