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SUBJECT: BE ENCOURAGED IN THE WORD FAITH BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :			
\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	\$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate		
ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED			
	\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy		

FROM: Pastor Dr. Annette B. Harrell
Name (Printed or typed)

391 NE 28th Court
Address

Boynton Beach, FL 33435
City, State & Zip

561-396-3908

Daytime Telephone number

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

CHARTER

OF THE

Be Encouraged In The Word Faith Based Community Development Corp

No. , Filed 24, May, 2007

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of being incorporated under Chapters 617 and other applicable sections of the Statutes of the State of Florida for Corporations Not for profit, under the following proposed Charter:

ARTICLE I - Name

- A. Be Encouraged In The Word Faith Based Community Development Corp
- B. The Corporation is a Non-Profit Corporation
 ARTICLE II Purposes
- A. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 2006 or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, and shall be as follows:
 - B. The general nature and purpose of this Corporation is to:
 - Promote the financial revitalization of the community through business and real estate ownership and improvement unification of residents, resistance to gentrification.
 - Develop and sustain partnerships with various groups and agencies in the Boynton Beach Target Neighborhood in order to ensure that development is streamlined and resources are put to the most efficient use.
 - > Increase homeownership opportunities in Boynton Beach.
 - > Reduce the number of vacant lots in the neighborhood and thereby reduce spot blight and crime.
 - Improve and increase the delivery of social services to the neighborhood

ARTICLE III - Existence and Affiliation

- A. This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.
- B. The initial Principle Office shall be located at 522 NE $4^{\rm th}$ Street Boynton Beach, FL 33435, and its initial Registered Agent shall be Annette B Harrell, located at 391 NE $28^{\rm th}$ Court Boynton Beach, FL 33435.

ARTICLE IV - Membership

- A. The membership of this Corporation shall consist of the undersigned Incorporators and any other persons, regardless of race, color, national origin, previous religious affiliation, or sexual orientation, who are in sympathy with the objectives and purposes of this organization. Persons not now Members may become Members by signing the Membership Roll, thereby signifying their intent to become a Member. Qualifications for membership shall be further determined in the Bylaws.
- B. No Member of this Corporation shall have property right, interest, or privilege in or to the assets, functions, affairs, or franchises of the Corporation or any right, interest, or privilege which may be transferable or inheritable, or which shall continue after his or her membership ceases.
- C. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 III.

ARTICLE V - Board of Trustees and Directors

A. The Board of Trustees of this Corporation shall be composed of at least Five (5) persons, each being a member of this corporation, consisting of a President, 2 Vice Presidents Secretary, Treasurer and other Officers and Trustees as set forth in the Bylaws. Procedures for the nomination, election, and removal of all Officers and Trustees, as well as their duties, shall be defined in the Bylaws.

B. The names and addresses of the Officers and Trustees who are to manage the affairs of this Corporation until the first election under this Charter are as follows:

President/ - Pastor Dr. Annette B. Harrell Trustee 391 NE 28th Court Boynton Beach, FL 33435

 $\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Vice President1/} & \mbox{Prophetess Elaine Blackmon-Morton} \\ \mbox{Trustee} & \mbox{135 NE 5}^{\rm th} \mbox{ AV} \end{array}$

Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Vice President2/ Deacon Albert Banks
Trustee 518 NE 4th Street Suite #A
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Treasurer/ Minister Richelle Glinton-Charles
Trustee 539 NW 13th AV
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Secretary/ Sister Elizabeth Morton Trustee 110 NE 6th AV Boynton Beach, FL 33435

ARTICLE VI - Meetings

A. The Annual Meeting of this Corporation shall be held on a date to be determined as stated in the Bylaws. Procedures for the Annual and other meetings shall be defined in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII - Charter Amendments

A. Amendments to this Charter must receive a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Board Members and at a meeting called for that purpose on proper notice and with a copy of the proposed amendment having been mailed to the membership. Charter amendments must be filed with the Florida Secretary of State before becoming effective.

ARTICLE VIII - Bylaws

A. The Bylaws (Covenants) of this Corporation shall further define the procedures for this Corporation. The Board of Trustees shall adopt initial Bylaws by two-thirds (2/3) vote within ninety (90) days of the formation of this corporation. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Trustees and at a meeting called for that purpose on proper notice and with a copy of the proposed amendment having been mailed to the Board membership.

ARTICLE IX - Tax-Exempt Status

- A. This Corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 2006, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.
- B. No part of the net earnings or assets of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its Officers, Trustees, Members, 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 this Charter.
- C. No substantial part of the activities of this 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.
- D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under

section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

ARTICLE X - Dissolution

- A. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose.
- B. Upon dissolution of this Corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution and of all outstanding obligations and debts, shall be distributed to a religious organization with similar principles which has qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or failing that, to the Federal Government or a State or local government for a public purpose in Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporators have hereunto subscribed their hands and seals at Boynton Beach, County, Florida, this 25th day of 1007.

Pastor Dr. Annette B. Harrell

Prophetess Elaine Morton-Blackmon

Deacon Albert Banks

Minister Richelle Glinton-Charles

Sister Elizabeth Morton

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Palm Beach

On this day, personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Annette B. Harrell, Elaine Morton-Blackmon, Albert Banks, Richelle Glinton-Charles and Elizabeth Morton, known to me as individuals described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation (Charter), and they acknowledge that they subscribed the

said instrument for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

WHEREFORE, it is requested that the same be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State at Tallahassee, Florida.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Having been named Registered Agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with Sections 607.034 and 607.037 of the Florida Corporations Act relative to keeping open said office.

Registered Agent: Annethe B. Harrell

WITNESS my hand and the official seal at BEACH , in said County and State, this 25th day of MAY , 2007.

Notary Public STATE OF FLORIDA PAIM BEACH COUNTY

LUANNA P. ASHE
MY COMMISSION # DD 486066
EXPIRES: February 27, 2010
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

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