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Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT:	The River of Life Church - Miami, Inc. (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)			
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FROM:	Nathaniel Surrancy Name (Pri	nted or typed)	-	
12775 S.W. 204 Lane Address				
Miami, FL 33177 City, State & Zip				
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

Articles of Incorporation of

The River of Life Church - Miami, Inc.

Pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, We the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a Corporation Not For Profit, and do hereby adopt as and for the Corporation charter of said Corporation, the following articles of incorporation:

Article I -Corporate Name

1.1 The name of the corporation hereby formed under these articles shall hence and from this day, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, the State of Borida be known as:

THE RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH - MIAMI, INC.

Article II - Principle Place of Business and Mailing Address

2.1 The principle place of business and mailing address of this Corporation

12775 S.W. 204 Lane Miami, Florida 33177

Article III - Purpose

This Corporation shall have as its principle objective the following:

- 3.1 Be empowered, among other things, to organize and operate as a Church of the Christian Faith.
- 3.2 Advance the Church of God and the Kingdom of God by: (1) spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through preaching and teaching the Bible to the end that people may be evangelized and believers may be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ; (2) bringing the unsaved to Christ; and (3) building up the saved in Christian grace and living.
- 3.3 Assemble together regularly the members of this Corporation for fellowship one with another both in large public congregations and in small fellowship groups in places to worship God in spirit and in truth and to cooperate in the building up of the whole Body of Christ.
- 3.4 Provide basis for New Testament discipleship to all who are approved for this purpose by the Elders.
- 3.5 Perform the Sacraments (ordinances and practices) of the Church which include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Ordinances

- 1. Baptizing believers in water
- 2. Celebrating the Lord's Supper (Communion)

B. Practices

- 1. Anointing the sick with oil
- 2. Conducting weddings and funerals
- 3. Dedicating infants
- 3.6 Establish and maintain a place of worship, study, recreation and social interaction, ministering to the whole family and to the whole person spirit, soul and body.
- 3.7 Recognize, support and cooperate with the various ministries established by God to equip believers to fulfill their respective functions as members of the Body of Christ and to bring the whole Body of Christ to unity, maturity and completion.
- 3.8 Strengthen family units so that the home life of each member is healthy and fruitful by Biblical standards.
- 3.9 Acquire, either by deed, gift or purchase any real estate or personal property to be held in trust for the benefit of the Corporation and its stated purposes and to mortgage, sell, or otherwise encumber any such property when such action is deemed to be in the best interests of the Corporation as defined in its stated purpose as a Christian organization.
- 3.10 Pursue any and all business objectives in accordance with these articles of incorporation, and in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

Article IV - Board of Directors/Officers

- 4.1 There shall be no less than four (4) members of the Board of Directors in addition to the Pastor, for a total of five (5) members who shall constitute the Board of Directors of said Corporation.
- 4.2 With the exception of the Pastor, no single officer, director or agent shall have the privilege of instituting legal action, claim, settlement, release, satisfaction or discharge or other legal process without the advice and consent of the Board of Directors by and through a majority of said Board of Directors. In the event that an officer, director, or agent, other than the Pastor, so carries or acts so as to incur liability without the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, said acts shall be as a nullity to said Corporation, and the Corporation shall not be eligible or responsible therefore.

Article V - Manner of Appointment of Directors/Officers

5.1 Qualifications and provisions for the appointment of members to the Board of Directors shall be set forth in the by-laws.

Article VI - Initial Board of Directors/Officers

6.1 The following named persons shall constitute the first Board of Directors of said Corporation and shall hold office for the first year of existence of said Corporation and shall serve and be re-appointed as provided for in the by-laws:

Nathaniel Surrancy Director (Pastor and President) 12775 S.W. 204 Lane, Miami, FL 33177
Shauntelle R. Douglas Director (Secretary) 14904 S.W. 116 Ave., Miami, FL 33176
Marilyn Gatlin Director (Treasurer) P.O. Box 570402, Miami, FL 33257
Julian Wray Director P.O. Box 566022, Miami FL 33256
Rachelle A. Surrancy Director 12775 S.W. 204 Lane, Miami, FL 33177

Article VII - Corporate Powers

- 7.1 To accomplish its stated objectives (purposes), this Corporation shall have all corporate powers permitted under Florida law.
- 7.2 The Not For Profit Corporation formed under these articles of incorporation shall also have and be endowed with the following additional powers:
 - a. Sue and be sued.
 - b. Defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name as a natural person.
 - c. Adopt, and use a corporate seal and alter the same.
 - d. Adopt, change, amend, and repeal its by-laws, not inconsistent with law, and its articles of incorporation, for the exercise of its affairs and property.
 - e. Make and enter into all contracts necessary and proper for the conducting of its business.
 - f. Conduct business, have one or more offices, in and buy, sell, mortgage, conveyor offer, franchises, in territories and possession and dependencies of the United States, the District of Columbia, and in foreign countries.
 - g. Do all and everything necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the objectives enumerated in its certificate of incorporation.
 - h. Contract debts and borrow monies at such rates of interest not to exceed the lawful rate of interest and upon the terms as its Board of Directors may deem necessary and expedient.
 - i. Transfer corporate property of every kind and nature then belonging to or thereafter acquired by such corporation as security for any bonds, notes, debentures, or other evidence of indebtedness, debts or monies due and owing by said corporation.

- Make gifts for educational, scientific, or charitable purposes; said gifts are to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 7.3 This Corporation shall have the power to incur any and all liabilities and debts in pursuance of its corporate purpose. Said debts and liabilities shall be paid out of the corporate treasury upon the signature of either, Nathaniel Surrancy, Pastor and President and/or Marilyn Gatlin, as Treasurer and/or Shauntelle Douglas, Secretary, signing thereon. Any two signatures must appear on all checks.

Article VIII - Governance

- 8.1 All ecclesiastical power and authority relative to this corporation, The River of Life Church –Miami, Inc., shall be exercised by the Pastor and the Board of Directors.
- 8.2 The affairs of The River of Life Miami, Inc., shall be guided by the Holy Spirit of God. The Pastor of the Church is authorized to administer final judgment on all matters concerning the corporation/organization as a whole; however, all matters will be discussed openly among the Directors.
- 8.3 The Board of directors/officers who shall conduct the business of the corporation and all of its affairs for the first year of operation and thereafter until otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, shall be as follows:

Nathaniel Surrancy	Director (Pastor and President)	12775 S.W. 204 Lane, Miami, FL 33177
Shauntelle R. Douglas	Director (Secretary)	14904 S.W. 116 Ave., Miami, FL 33176
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Article IX- Initial Registered Agent

9.1 The following named person is herein designated as the registered agent for service of process and his residence is herein set forth, and by executing these articles of incorporation said registered agent acknowledges and accepts said designation:

Nathaniel Surrancy 12775 SW 204 Lane, Miami, Florida 33177

<u>Article X – Incorporators</u>

10.1 The name and street address of the incorporator of this corporation is:

Rachelle A. Surrancy

12775 S.W. 204 Lane, Miami, Florida 33177

Notarization

Before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, did personally appear, *Rachelle A. Surrancy*, having identified him/herself by means of a valid drivers license, and having been fully cautioned and warned, that he/she is one of the persons described in the articles of incorporation, who is desirous of organizing as a Not For Profit Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business being in Miami-Dade County, at 12775 S.W. 204th Lane, Miami, FL 33177, who has named *Nathaniel Surrancy*, located at 12775 SW 204 Lane, Miami, Florida, 33177, as its registered agent for service of process within this state, and he has signed the same freely and voluntarily for the purposes therein expressed.

Raghelle A.

Surrancy - Incorporator

Sworn and Subscribed To

___ Day of 2008

Notary Public

My Commission expires on

THE PLANT

Notary Public State of Florida Donna T Artiles My Commission DD484120 Expires 10/20/2009

Acceptance of Registered Agent

Having been named to accept service of process 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.

Nathanie/Surrancy - Registered Agent

Date

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SECRETARY OF STATE