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Enclosed is all original a	and one(1) copy of the arti	cies of incorporation and a	a check for:
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June 9, 2008

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SUBJECT: TEMPLE OF DELIVERANCE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD

INC.

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We have received your document for TEMPLE OF DELIVERANCE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Please return the corrected 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** of TEMPLE OF DELIVERANCE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD INC.

Pursuant to the provision of the Nonprofit Corporation Act of this state, the undersigned incorporators hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

# Article 1

The name of the corporation shall be: TEMPLE OF DELIVERANCE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD INC.

# Article 2

The principle office of the corporation for the transaction of its business is located at 1807 3RD STREET SW, WINTER HAVN, FLORIDA 33880.

The principle mailing address of the corporation for the transaction of its business is P.O. 55 BOX 645, WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA 33882-0645

# Article 3

The purposes of TEMPLE OF DELIVERANCE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD INC. (House of God Saints in Christ) is to engaged in carrying on the original free flow of the anointing of the Holy Ghost out of which God's Holy Church evolved, that is to seek out and save the lost and serve the needy through a continuing service of:

- To Worship and serve God and to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ (1)as forth in Mathew 18: 19-20.
- (2) To do any and all things related to and in connection with the carrying out of the object and purposes herein above set forth
- (3) To minister to the needs of the members and others as this church is able to do
- (4) Preach the true gospel.
- (5) Feed the hungry.
- (6) Clothe the naked.
- (7) Housing the homeless
- (8) Encouraging the fallen.
- (9) Providing jobs for the jobless.
- (10)Administering the needs of those in prisons, hospitals, nursing facilities, mental institutions, assisted living centers, caring for the sick and shut-in.

(11) Encouraging the frugal and economic advancement.

Exclusivity: The Corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes

# Article 4 Stock Shares

There are no stock shares available.

### Article 5

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed: The Board of Directors is that group of persons vested with the management of the business affairs of this Corporation subject to Florida law, the Articles of Incorporation, and these bylaws. The Board of Directors may delegate the management of the day-to-day operation of the business of the Corporation to committees, staff or the Executive Director (if applicable); provided that the activities and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed and all corporate powers shall be exercised under the ultimate direction and authority of the Board of Directors.

Directorships shall not be denied to any person on the basis of race, creed, sex, religion, or national origin. Each director shall be an individual at least eighteen (18) years of age. The Board of Directors shall appoint the members of the Board of Directors in accordance with procedures set forth in these bylaws. The Board of Directors will consist of not less than Five (5) or more than twenty-five (25) directors. The number may be fixed by resolution as provided in the Bylaws.

All church officers must be members of TEMPLE OF DELIVERANCE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD INC. (HOGSIC) in good standing.

A. The Pastor: A pastor shall be chosen and called by the church whenever a vacancy occurs. The qualifications for pastor shall be consistent with those listed in 1st Timothy 3:1-7. His election shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose, of which at least one (1) weeks written notice shall be given to the church membership. The Deacons shall appoint a Pastor Search Committee. The Pastor Search Committee shall seek out a suitable pastor and their recommendation, will constitute a nomination. The Committee shall bring to the consideration of the church membership only one man at a time. Election shall be by ballot, an affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of those voting being necessary to affirm a choice. The pastor, thus elected, shall serve until the relationship is terminated. The deacons shall have the right to suspend the pastor by a majority vote and with no more than two dissenting votes. The church shall make the final decision at a called business meeting, by a vote of three-fourths of those voting to reinstate or terminate the pastor.

The pastor's responsibilities are stated in his job description.

#### B. Deacons:

- 1. Number, Election, Terms of Service
  - a. There shall be a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of seven (7) deacons. Each deacon shall serve a three (3) year term on a rotating basis.
  - b. Each year on the Sunday after Labor Day, in order to fill any vacancies, a nominating ballot, with the qualifications of a deacon listed, shall be handed out to the congregation. A committee made up of the Chairman of the Deacons, the Vice-Chairman of the Deacons, and the Secretary of the Deacons shall tabulate the nominating ballots and evaluate the qualifications of the nominees with criteria outlined in Section B, subsection 2 of the Article. Election of the new deacons shall take place on the second Sunday after Labor Day at a called business meeting of the congregation. Each year the two (2) or three (3) deacons who have served the longest terms shall be rotated off the board. No deacon shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms without the break of at least one (1) year. In the event qualified candidates are unavailable, the election may be waived by unanimous vote of the deacons to let the current deacons continue to serve in their capacity as deacons. This shall be approved by a vote of three-quarters of those voting in a called business meeting.
  - c. The newly elected deacons shall begin their terms on the first Sunday in October of the year in which they are elected. The term of the deacons being rotated off the board shall end on the same date.
  - d. When a deacon vacancy occurs, the Chairman of the Deacons may announce that an election of a deacon, to finish the unexpired term, will be held during a named church business meeting.
  - e. Should a Deacon not fulfill his/her duties, the Board of Deacons shall take appropriate action.

### 2. Qualifications

- a. The qualifications for a deacon shall be consistent with those listed in 1st Timothy 3:8-13.
- b. A deacon must be eighteen (18) years of age and a member in good standing of this church for a period of at least one (1) year.
- c. No member can be a deacon of this church until he/she has been selected at a duly called business meeting as provided in Section B, subsection 1, paragraph b of this Article. If a member is elected to serve as a deacon, and has never served before in this or any other Baptist church, the pastor shall ordain that deacon, upon election. The Pastor shall assemble an ordaining council for the ordination of qualified and recommended candidates.
- 3. Method of Procedure

- a. The standing officers of the deacons are: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. These officers are subject to election or re-election by the Board of Deacons at the first regular deacons meeting of each church year. No deacon who has not previously served as such in this church shall be eligible to hold any such office during the first year of that deacon's term. Election shall be by secret ballot without nomination and by a majority vote. The pastor shall preside at the meeting in the event the Chairman has been rotated from the board and until a new Chairman is elected. The Chairman shall be elected first, the Vice-Chairman second, and the Secretary third.
- b. The whole body of deacons shall be organized as a unit for the consideration of all-larger problems and general policies, and shall meet monthly. They may organize themselves into any sub-committees, as they deem necessary.
- c. Each deacon shall freely confer with the pastor about all matters and problems of the church, and this shall be handled in a confidential manner.

## 4. Duties

- a. Deacons are to be servants of the church. They are to guard the unity of the spirit within the bonds of peace.
- b. They shall serve as counsel to advise and confer with the pastor in all matters pertaining to the welfare and work of the church. With the pastor, they are to consider and formulate plans for the constant effort and progress of the church in all things pertaining to the saving of souls, the development of Christians, and the growth of the Kingdom of God.
- c. They are to establish and maintain personal relationships with, and a watchful supervision of, all the membership of the church. They are to seek to know the physical needs, the moral needs, and the spiritual struggles of the members of the congregation. They are to serve the whole church in relieving, encouraging, and developing all that are in need.
- d. All active deacons should attend all scheduled and called business meetings of the board.
- e. It shall be the duty of the Board of Deacons to act as the Trustees of the church. The Board of Deacons is to act as legal representatives of the church and to take such action and execute any documents necessary to accomplish the purpose of any matter, which concerns any real, personal, or intangible property of the church. (See Article I, Section C.)
- f. In counsel with the pastor, the deacons are to have watchful supervision of the discipline of the church, in administering which they are to be guided by the principles set forth in Matthew 18:15-17, 1 Corinthians 5:9-13, and 1 Thessalonians 5:12-14. The deacons shall be free to call upon any member of the church to aid in disciplinary action.