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#### BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC. 17313 SW 47<sup>TH</sup> COURT MIRAMAR, FL 33029

SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

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

To whom it may concern:

Please find enclosed one (1) copy and the original to Articles of Incorporation, for BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC., a not-for-profit corporation.

Also, find the appropriate filing fee of \$87.50 for a Certified Copy and Certificate of Corporation. Please mail all correspondence to the following address:

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC. 17313 SW 47<sup>TH</sup> COURT MIRAMAR, FL 33029

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Samuel Mompoint

President

Sincerely

Enclosures as stated

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### **OF**

## BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC.

(organized under the nonprofit corporation laws of Florida)

The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a Florida Corporation (Non-Profit) pursuant to the Florida "Non-Profit Corporations Act", Chapter 617.0202, Florida Statues, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation:

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be **BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES**, **INC.** 

## ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the City of Hollywood, Broward County, Florida. The principal place of business and mailing address of this Corporation shall be:

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC.  $17313~SW~47^{TH}~COURT$  MIRAMAR, FL 33029

#### <u>ARTICLE III – PURPOSES</u>

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes, including such purposes, the making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

The specific purposes for which the Corporation is organized are described as follows:

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC. is specifically organized as a non-profit, independent, faith-based organization with the purpose of impacting South Florida and surrounding areas.

The purposes of the Corporation shall be educational, social, and charitable within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, as the same may be.

Moreover, the Corporation shall provide services in a manner that is beneficial to the public interest. Namely, for the development of individual moral, spiritual, and ethical capabilities, support of education, improvement of social welfare, alleviation of poverty and its residual effects, and advancement of knowledge and academic scholarship.

More particularly, the Corporation is organized to perform charitable activities and services, the primary purpose of which is providing for special spiritual, moral, ethical, educational, cultural and social benefits to minors that contribute to the development of good character, exemplary morals, and to the educational and cultural development of minors.

#### ARTICLE IV – REGISTERED AGENT

The registered agent of the Corporation shall be the President of BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC.

#### ARTICLE V - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial registered office of BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC.

17313 SW 47<sup>TH</sup> COURT MIRAMAR, FL 33029

The name of the *initial* registered agent of the Corporation at the address is the Founder and President: Samuel Mompoint

#### ARTICLE VI – INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the persons who are the incorporators of BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC. are:

Name	<u>Address</u>
SAMUEL MOMPOINT, Incorporator	17313 SW 47 <sup>TH</sup> COURT
•	MIRAMAR, FL 33029
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FLEURISE MOMPOINT, *Incorporator* 17313 SW 47<sup>TH</sup> COURT MIRAMAR, FL 33029

TERRY HARIG, Incorporator 1909 HARRISON ST. # 101 HOLLYWOOD FL., 33020

DEBBIE KNIGHT, *Incorporator* 942 NE 199<sup>TH</sup> ST, #208 MIAMI, FL. 33179

MICHAEL WORTHING, Incorporator

345 CHANGEBRIDGE ROAD PINEBROOK, NJ 07058

ARTHUR COTTON, Incorporator

304 SW 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33375

DR. CLIFFORD G. O'CONNOR, Incorporator

3100 NW 83<sup>RD</sup> TERRACE MIAMI, FL 33127

#### ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the persons who are the *initial* officers and members of the Board of Directors of BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC. are:

Name
SAMUEL MOMPOINT, President

Address
17313 SW 47<sup>TH</sup> COURT

MIRAMAR, FL 33029

FLEURISE MOMPOINT, Vice-President 17313 SW 47<sup>TH</sup> COURT

MIRAMAR, FL 33029

TERRY HARIG, Treasurer 1909 HARRISON ST. # 101

HOLLYWOOD FL., 33020

DEBBIE KNIGHT, Secretary 942 NE 199<sup>TH</sup> ST, #208

MIAMI, FL. 33179

#### <u>ARTICLE VIII – PRESIDENT</u>

The Founding President of the Corporation shall be the following named person whose address shall be the same as the initial principal office of the Corporation as set forth in Article II hereof: *Samuel Mompoint*.

## ARTICLE IX – MANNER OF ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The manner in which the Officers and Directors are elected or appointed is as follows: The method of election of directors will be expressed and explained within the Corporation By Laws.

#### ARTICLE X - CAPITAL STOCK

The Corporation shall have no capital stock and shall be composed of members rather than shareholders.

#### **ARTICLE XI – MEMBERSHIP**

The persons so named in Article VII hereof, will constitute the official Board of Directors as well as the *initial* members of BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC. Ex-officio directors, non-voting Directors and Advisors will be elected in accordance with the By Laws of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE XII - MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC., as a faith-based organization, shall be open for activities to persons who follow the guidelines and By Laws established by the organization's official Board of Directors/Trustees.

Members shall be approved by the Board of Directors and expected to subscribe to the policies of the Corporation: The members of this Corporation shall be the persons who, from time to time, are the members of the Board of Directors of this Corporation.

Members and participants must exhibit a showing of interest in a better quality of life, by developing and enhancing their socio-economic, psychosocial and promoting positive change in character and the family unit.

#### **ARTICLE XIII – VOTING RIGHTS**

Any person who has been accepted as a member of BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC., has the right and privilege to participate in the activities thereof. Each member shall have one vote.

#### **ARTICLE XIV – MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**

Membership in this Corporation is personal and is not transferable or assignable.

Members shall be free to relinquish their membership at their discretion. A voting member may choose resign his membership as a member of this Corporation as is further discussed in the By Laws of the Corporation.

Participation in a lifestyle contrary to the By Laws of BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC., and its activities is reason enough for dismissal or termination of membership, until such time as the governing board shall determine appropriate.

The governing board shall be free to terminate or revoke a member's membership and rights to activities at any time at its discretion. The determination by the Board of Directors that such termination of membership would be in the best interests of the Corporation may be without cause, except as otherwise stated in the Corporation By Laws.

#### ARTICLE XV – CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

In order to insure the discipline of order, BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC., shall establish a Constitution and By Laws.

#### ARTICLE XVI – POLITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC., while maintaining its inherited rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs, this organization may voluntarily enter into joint ventures with other corporations.

#### ARTICLE XVII – CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Any director, officer, or employee who has an interest in contract or other transaction presented to the Board or a committee thereof for authorization, approval, or ratification shall make a prompt and full disclosure of his interest to the Board or committee prior to its acting on such contract or transaction. Such disclosure shall include any relevant and material facts known to such person about the contract or transaction, which might reasonably be construed to be adverse to the corporation's interest.

The body to which such disclosure is made shall thereupon determine, by a vote of seventy-five percent (75%) of the votes entitled to vote, whether the disclosure shows that a conflict of interest exists or can reasonably be construed to exist. If a conflict is deemed to exist, such persons must not vote on, nor use his personal influence on, nor participate (other than to present factual information or to respond to questions) in, the discussion or deliberation with respect to such contract or transaction. Such persons may be counted in determining whether a quorum is present but may not be counted when the Board of Directors or a committee of the Board takes action on the transaction. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect the disclosure made, the vote thereon, the absenteeism from voting and participation, and whether a quorum was present.

#### **ARTICLE XVIII – LIMITATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS**

The corporate powers of this Corporation are as provided in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, unless limited, are as follows:

No part of the net earnings of the 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 the furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Corporation.

Moreover, 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, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or (b) 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 XIX – PROHIBITIONS AGAINST POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and Corporation shall not participation in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) and political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE XX – SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

The Corporation agrees that it will settle internal disputes in accordance with the criterion, corporate policy, guidelines, and directives as set forth in and regulated by the authority of the By Laws of BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC.

#### <u>ARTICLE XXI – DEDICATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS</u>

Assets of the Corporation are permanently dedicated to the furtherance of the specified exempt purposes set forth in Article III hereof, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE XXII – DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS**

The Corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit. The Corporation shall not have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the personal benefit of any director or individual. The balance, if any, of all monies received by the Corporation from its operations, after the payment in full of all debts and obligations of the Corporation, of whatever kind or nature, shall be issued and distributed exclusively for nonprofit purposes, within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE XXIII – LIABILITIES FOR DEBTS

Neither the members, officers, nor the members of the Board of Directors of BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC. shall be personally liable for the debts of the Corporation.

#### <u>ARTICLE XXIV – DISSOLUTION</u>

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, assets 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 shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for public purpose.

More specifically, in the event of corporate dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation, BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC., will be dedicated to Jesus People Ministries Church, Inc. of Miami, Florida, a public charity pursuant to the classifications of section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, that qualifies as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

However, if the named recipient, Jesus People Ministries Church, Inc. of Miami, Florida, is not then in existence or no longer a qualified distributee or unwilling or unable to accept the distribution, then the assets of this Corporation shall be distributed to a fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code. Reliance may be placed upon Florida state law to establish permanent dedication of assets for exempt purposes.

Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### <u>ARTICLE XXV – TERM OF EXISTENCE</u>

The Corporation shall have a perpetual existence. The Corporate existence commenced on the date of approval of the Articles of Incorporation by the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

#### <u>ARTICLE XXVI – AMENDMENT</u>

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every Amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the Members, and approved to a Members' Meeting by a majority of the Members, unless all Directors and all Members sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain Amendment of these Articles of Incorporation be made.

#### ARTICLE XXVII - EFFECTIVE DATE

The Articles of Incorporation of BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY MINISTRIES, INC. shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE XXVIII - INCORPORATERS**

The name(s) and the street address of the incorporators for these articles of incorporation are:

SAMUEL MOMPOINT, President 17313 SW 47<sup>TH</sup> COURT MIRAMAR, FL 33029

FLEURISE MOMPOINT, Vice-President 17313 SW 47<sup>TH</sup> COURT MIRAMAR, FL 33029

TERRY HARIG, Treasurer 1909 HARRISON ST. # 101 HOLLYWOOD FL., 33020

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DR. CLIFFORD G. O'CONNOR, Incorporator 3100 NW 83RD TERRACE MIAMI, FL 33127

The above named incorporators executed these Articles of Incorporation on this  $2^{\text{th}}$  day of Sept., 2008.

## CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501 OR 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

- 1. The name of the corporation is: <u>BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY</u> MINISTRIES, INC.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

SAMUEL MOMPOINT 17313 SW 47<sup>TH</sup> COURT MIRAMAR, FL 33029

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

(SIGNATURE)

(DATE)

ECRETARY LLAHASSE

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