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September 25, 2008

SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS P.O. BOX 6327 TALLAHASSEE, FL 32314

RE: Men's Christian Gathering of Hendry County, Inc.

Our File No.: 73148

#### Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation containing the Registered Agent Designation and Acceptance, of the above referenced corporation. Please file the original, indicate the filing date on the copy, and return the copy to me.

Also enclosed is our check in the amount of \$70.00 covering the fees and charges for the items listed below, as indicated:

- 1) Articles of Incorporation filing fee (\$35.00).
- 2) Registered Agent Designation Filing Fee (\$35.00).

Should the corporation name requested not be available, please contact my office immediately. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Ralph Elver

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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# MEN'S CHRISTIAN GATHERING OF HENDRY COUNTY, INC.

SECRETARY OF STATE ALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

We, the undersigned, acknowledge and file in the Office of the Secretary of the State of Florida, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation, as by law provided.

#### ARTICLE I

# Name

1.1 The name of the Corporation shall be MEN'S CHRISTIAN GATHERING OF HENDRY COUNTY, INC., hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation," and the principal office shall be 301 W. SR 80, Suite 201, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

#### ARTICLE II

# Purposes and Powers

- 2.1 Purposes. The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are as follows:
- A. To regularly assemble together the members of this Corporation for fellowship one with another both in large public congregations and in small fellowship groups in houses and other places, to worship God in spirit and in truth and to cooperate in the building up of the whole body of Christ.
  - B. To provide basic New Testament discipleship to all.
- C. To involve every participant of this Corporation in its fellowship and activities and in the ministry of the Holy Spirit throughout the Body of Christ.
- D. To strengthen the family units so that the home life of each member is healthy and fruitful by Biblical standards.
- E. To act with charitable concern for, and to help, not only members of this Corporation, but also all people in need of any help which this Corporation can give, regardless of race, social position, or religious affiliation; to develop and carry out programs of social action for poor, widowed, orphaned, afflicted, imprisoned, underprivileged, or aged persons, both within and without this Corporation.

- F. To pray for the needs of all people, for local and national leaders and governments and for all that are in authority as instructed in I Timothy 2:1-3.
- G. To support and encourage communication and extension of the Christian life and witness both within this Corporation and elsewhere, not only by conventional modes, but also by all means which will accomplish such communication, extension and teaching.
- H. To 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.
- 2.2 Powers. To accomplish the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall have all corporate powers permitted under Florida law, including the capacity to contract, bring suit and be sued. No part of the income of the Corporation shall be distributed to the members, directors, and officers of the Corporation.
- 2.3 The Corporation is specifically precluded from engaging in any prohibited activities as defined in Section 617.0105, Florida Statutes.
- 2.4 The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes. Those purposes may include the making of distributions to other organizations that qualify as exempt under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The corporation may receive and administer funds for all of the aforesaid purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3).
- 2.5 No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes. No member, trustee, director, officer or private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.
- 2.6 No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, except legislation having a direct impact on the purpose or mission of the Corporation. Likewise, no substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall include the dissemination or distribution of political statements on behalf

of any specific candidate for public office.

#### ARTICLE III

#### <u>Membership</u>

- 3.1 A member must be a person openly expressing a belief and faith in the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- 3.2 The subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation shall be four (4) of the original members of the Corporation. Additional members may be added. Such members, prior to being approved, must:
  - A. Accept, believe in and rely on Jesus Christ for salvation;
  - B. Believe that the Holy Bible is the Word of God;
  - C. Confess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord;
  - F. Commit to participate actively in the fellowship of the organization;
- 3.3 Additional provisions regarding membership shall be made in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### Period of Duration and Dissolution

- 4.1 The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.
- 4.2 In the event of dissolution of this Corporation, no part of the Corporation's assets shall inure to the benefit of any member, but shall instead be distributed to such other charitable organization or organizations selected by the final Board of Directors of the Corporation which organization or organizations must qualify as charitable organizations under Sections 170 and 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code as the same may be amended.
- 4.3 Any assets not disposed of as set out in 4.2 above shall be disposed of by a court of general jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is located. However, such distribution shall be to an organization or organizations, as the court may determine, which qualify pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as time to time amended.

#### ARTICLE V

#### Board of Directors

- 5.1 The affairs and property of the Corporation shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors composed of not less than three persons nor more than seven persons.
- 5.2 Qualifications and provisions for electing of members of the Board of Directors shall be set by the Bylaws.
  - 5.3 The names and addresses of the persons to serve as initial Directors are:

Stephen L. O'Bannon, 661 E. Lincoln Ave, LaBelle, Florida 33935 Ed Kuntz, 1840 Phillips Road, LaBelle, Florida 33935 Larry Woosley, 315 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 Mark White, 1097 Fivebrand Court SW, LaBelle, Florida 33935

#### ARTICLE VI

#### Officers

6.1 The names of the officers who shall serve until the first election are as follows:

Stephen L O'Bannon President

Larry Woosley Vice President

Mark White Treasurer

Ed Kuntz Secretary

6.2 The qualifications and provisions for election of officers shall be set by the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VII

# **Bylaws**

7.1 The Bylaws of the Corporation may be made, altered, amended or rescinded by vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors at a meeting called for such purposes.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

#### <u>Indemnification of Officers and Directors</u>

8.1 The Corporation shall at all times maintain insurance and fully indemnify the

Officers and Directors of this corporation in regard to their actions on behalf of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### **Amendments**

9.1 Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed and adopted at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, but may not be adopted until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors and then only after the vote of a majority of the members of the corporation present at a meeting called specifically for such purpose.

# ARTICLE X

# **Subscribers**

10.1 The names and addresses of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Stephen L. O'Bannon, 661 E. Lincoln Ave, LaBelle, Florida 33935
Ed Kuntz, 1840 Phillips Road, LaBelle, Florida 33935
Larry Woosley, 315 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935
Mark White, 1097 Fivebrand Court SW, LaBelle, Florida 33935

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereunto have set their hands on the dates set out:

Stephen L. O'Bannon

Date

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Figure 1. Date

Date

Date

April 2. Date

Mark White.

Date

P-15-08

Date

# MEN'S CHRISTIAN GATHERING OF HENDRY COUNTY, INC. REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATION CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statutes Section 607.325 and as an officer of Men's Christian Gathering of Hendry County, Inc., authorized to sign this designation on behalf of Men's Christian Gathering of Hendry County, Inc., hereby states:

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The address of this corporation's registered office, where service of process within the State of Florida may be served upon this corporation's registered agent, shall be:

Men's Christian Gathering of Hendry County, Inc. 301 West SR 80, Suite 201 LaBelle, Florida 33935

The name of the individual who shall serve as this corporation's registered agent, to accept service of process within the State of Florida, at that address is:

Ralph Elver, P.A. Attorney at Law

Stephen L. O'Bannon, President

#### **ACCEPTANCE**

Having been named as the registered agent, to accept service of process for the above named corporation, within the State of Florida, at the registered office address indicated above, for Men's Christian Gathering of Hendry County, Inc., I hereby accept the designation as the registered agent and agree to act and serve in that capacity on behalf of Men's Christian Gathering of Hendry County, Inc., and I further agree to comply the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and particularly to comply with Section 607.325, Florida Statutes.

Ralph Elver - Registered Agent

Date

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