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SUBJECT: DIVINE WAY MINISTRIES, INC.

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

FROM:

Frank S. Smith

911 Hire Circle

Ocoee, FL 34761

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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Of

#### **Divine Way Ministries, Inc.**

The undersigned incorporators, for the purposes of forming a corporation under the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Act, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be Divine Way Ministries, Inc.

The period of duration of this Corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation. The members shall recognize the Pastor as the leader under Christ of the local body. The Church maintains its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of church life in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, and voluntarily enters into a cooperative fellowship with the Body of Christ.

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The principle place office and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

911 Hire Circle Ocoee, FL 34761

### ARTICLE III CORPORATE PURPOSES: POWERS

(1) The purpose for which the Corporation is organized and operated is exclusively for religious 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, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Such purposes
shall include the following:

#### (a) Religious

- (b) To conduct a local Church by the direction of the Lord Jesus Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in accordance with all of the Commandments and provisions as set forth in the Holy Bible, the irrevocable Word of God. Pursuant thereto, the following activities and guidelines shall be established:
  - i. A recognized creed, code of doctrine, discipline and form of worship shall be established.
  - ii. Ordination of ministers upon completion of the prescribed course of study, as designated by the Pastor, and Pastoral approval.
  - iii. Establishment of a Church membership based upon acceptance of a recognized creed and belief and support of the Church.
  - iv. Establishment of various religious services pursuant to the recognized creed, code of doctrine, discipline and form of worship for the purpose of educating the individual in the Word of God.
- (c) Minister the Word of God to the faithful.
- (d) Promote and encourage, through the ministry of the organization, cooperation with other organizations, ministering within the community.
- (e) To acquire and hold such property, either real or personal, for Church purposes, as may be necessary for its membership and the worship of God.

(2) As a means of accomplishing the above purposes and methods, the Corporation shall have the following powers: (a) To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any of the purposes of the Corporation and its work. (b) To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credits. (c) To acquire, own, lease, mortgage and dispose of property both real and personal. (d) To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes. (3) The property of the Corporation is irrevocable dedicated to religious, educational and charitable purposes, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation/organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation/organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501(c)(3) purposes. (a) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation/organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation/organization 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. (b) The Corporation shall not: (1) operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit; (2) accumulate income, invest income, or divert income, in a manner endangering its exempt status; or (3) except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in the furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

### ARTICLE IV MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Directors which shall have three (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time upon agreement of the Board of Directors, but at no time shall there be fewer than three (3) directors of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE V INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The provisions of the Bylaws of the Corporation shall govern the manner in which the Board members of the Corporation shall be appointed.

Names

Street Address

Frank S. Smith, President/Pastor Johnny Lewis, Treasurer Lee Dudley, Secretary 911 Hire Circle, Ocoee, FL 34761 4712 Doberman Street, Orlando, FL 32818 7077 Balboa Drive, Orlando, FL 32818

#### ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT

The street address and mailing address of the principal office and registered office of the Corporation is:

911 Hire Circle, Ocoee, FL 34761, and the name of registered agent at such address is Frank S. Smith

### ARTICLE VII CORPORATE NATURE

The Corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

#### ARTICLE VIII MEMBERS

This Corporation shall have members and they shall be admitted and qualified in accordance with the Bylaws adopted by the Board.

### ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by agreement of the Board in the manner set forth in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

### ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation/organization shall not carry on any other activities nor permitted to be carried on:
- (1) by a corporation/organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the I.R.S. Code (or corresponding section of the any future Federal tax code) or

- (2) by a corporation/organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the I.R.S. Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.)
- (b) Upon dissolution of this corporation/organization assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

### ARTICLE XI INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

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Frank S. Smith, President/Pastor

911 Hire Circle Ocoee, FL 34761

Having been named as registered agent to accept services of process for 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.

Signature/Registered Agent (Frank S. Smith)

Date