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Mail to:

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

SUBJECT: CLOSER WALK MINISTRIES, INC.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:

☐ \$70.00
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Filing Fee &
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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: CHARLES A. SHOPHER, SR.
Name (Printed or typed)

2400 ROBIN AVE. S.
Address

LEHIGH ACRES, FL 33973
City, State & Zip

239-440-2177
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Closer Walk Ministries, Inc.
Florida Not For Profit Corporation

The undersigned hereby adopts the following articles of incorporation in Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of this corporation shall be Closer Walk Ministries, Inc.

ARTICLE 2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal street address and mailing address is:

2400 Robin Ave. S.
Lehigh Acres, FL 33973

ARTICLE 3. PURPOSE

The specific purpose for which the corporation is initially organized is to establish and oversee places of worship, conduct the work of evangelism worldwide, create departments necessary to support missionary activities and to license and oversee ministers of the gospel and to also engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE 4. MANNER OF APPOINTING DIRECTORS

Directors shall be appointed by in the manner set forth in the bylaws. Directors may be removed and the vacancies shall be filled in the manner provided by the bylaws.

ARTICLE 5. INITIAL DIRECTORS

The directors named in these articles shall serve as initial directors for the ensuing year, or until the first meeting of the corporation, and any vacancies before then shall be filled in the manner set forth in the bylaws.

Charles A. Shopher, Sr.
2400 Robin Ave. S.
Lehigh Acres, FL 33973

Richard Hopkins
106 Britain Way
St. Charles, MO 63304

Victor Padilla
112 Autumn Trail
Red Oak, TX 75154

ARTICLE 6. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name of the Initial Registered Agent of the corporation is Charles A. Shopher, Sr., and the street address of the Initial Registered Agent of this corporation is as follows:

2400 Robin Ave. S.
Lehigh Acres, FL 33973

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ARTICLE 7. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Charles A. Shopher, Sr.
2400 Robin Ave. S.
Lehigh Acres, FL 33973

ARTICLE 8. TERM AND DISSOLUTION

The date of commencement of corporate existence shall be when these articles have been filed with the Department of State and approved by it and the respective filing fee has been paid; the term for which the corporation is to exist shall be perpetual. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, no part of the corporation's earnings or assets shall inure to the benefit of any of its members; the residual assets of the corporation shall be distributed to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE 9. NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

No part of the net earning of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 furtherance of the purposes set forth in article 2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

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 of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or: (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue laws.

ARTICLE 10. BYLAWS

The first bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the board of directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by the board of directors in the manner provided by such bylaws.

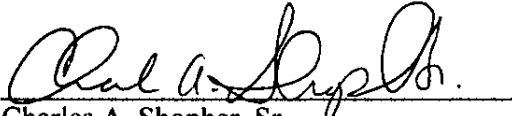
ARTICLE 11. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These articles of incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or in the following manner:

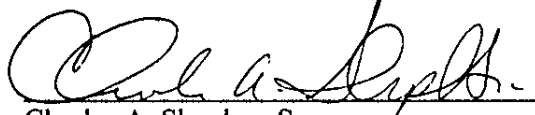
Every amendment shall be approved by the board of directors.

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I, THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATOR, for the purposes of becoming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of the laws of Florida, do make and affix my signature to acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of State these articles of incorporation.


Charles A. Shopher, Sr.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service 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.


Charles A. Shopher, Sr.

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