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SUBJECT: THE FORUM, INC.
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We have received your document for THE FORUM, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity.

Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more major words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

Adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable.

An effective date may be added to the Articles of Incorporation if a 2011 date is needed, otherwise the date of receipt will be the file date. A separate article must be added to the Articles of Incorporation for the effective date.

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
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY that we, the undersigned, do hereby associate ourselves together under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida set forth in the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes for the sole purpose of organizing a non-profit corporation on a non-stock basis and to that end to hereby set forth the following:

ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation is:

Global Leadership Forum, Inc.

ARTICLE II.

The street address of the corporation is 936 Hamilton Place Drive, Lakeland, FL 33813. The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 936 Hamilton Place Drive, Lakeland, FL 33813, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is James L. Davis.

ARTICLE III.

The purpose of this corporation is as follows:

- (a) The general purposes for which this corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code.
- (b) The corporation shall further function and operate as a Florida not for profit corporation specifically for the following purposes and with the following objectives: To hold Christian business leadership training conferences for the purpose of teaching servant leadership through a cross-section of renowned experts from business, ministry and academia that enables audience members to connect with speakers and creates an up close and personal atmosphere through panel discussions, informative Q&A sessions, inspiring keynote presentations that provide relevant, practical content that energizes and inspires every single person in attendance and utilizing additional opportunities to learn such as Meet-the-Speaker luncheons and workshops.
- (c) This corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States tax code.

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- (d) This corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the International Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States tax code.
- (e) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its 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 herein.
- (f) 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 distributions of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE IV.

The corporation shall have the power to:

1. Have succession by its corporate name for the period set forth in its articles of incorporation;
2. Sue and be sued and appear and defend in all actions and proceedings in its corporate name to the same extent as a natural person;
3. Adopt and use a common corporate seal and alter the same; provided, however, that such seal shall contain the words "corporation not for profit";
4. Elect or appoint such officers and agents as its affairs shall require;
5. Adopt, change, amend and repeal By-Laws, not inconsistent with law or its articles of incorporation, for the administration of the affairs of the corporation and the exercise of its corporate powers;
6. Increase, by a unanimous vote of its directors cast as the By-Laws may direct, the number of its directors or officers so that the number shall not be less than three (3) but may be any number in excess thereof;
7. Make contacts and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds, and other obligations and secure any of its obligations by mortgage and pledge of all or any of its property, franchises, or income;

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8. Conduct its affairs, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by this chapter in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States or any foreign country;
9. Purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise, or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated;
10. Acquire, enjoy, utilize and dispose of patents, copyrights, and trademarks and any licenses and other rights or interests thereunder or therein;
11. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property or assets;
12. Purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of otherwise use and deal in and with, shares and other interest in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, whether for profit or not for profit, associations, partnerships, or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States, or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district, municipality, or of any instrumentality thereof;
13. Lend money for its corporate purposes, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested, except as prohibited by F.S. 617.0833;
14. Make donations for the public welfare or for religious, charitable, scientific, education, or other similar purposes;
15. Have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized; and
16. Merge and consolidate with other corporations both for profit and not for profit, domestic and foreign, provided that the surviving corporation is a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE V.

The Corporation shall have members. Members of the Corporation will be required to meet the following qualifications, to-wit: To accept and agree to submit to the tenets of faith as set out in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Persons meeting such qualifications will be admitted in the following manner, to-wit: Members will be admitted into the corporation by election of the Board of Directors. Provided, however, neither the incorporators nor the members of the Corporation shall have any vested right, interest or privilege of, in or to the assets, functions, affairs or franchises of this Corporation, or any right, interest or privilege which may be inheritable or which shall continue after his membership ceases in the afore-named Corporation.

ARTICLE VI.

At any time during which the corporation is a "private foundation" as defined in §509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"), it shall:

- (a) Not engage in any act of "self-dealing" as defined in Code §4941(d);
- (b) Not retain any "excess business holdings", as defined in Code §4943(c), which would give rise to any liability for tax imposed by Code §4943(c),
- (c) Not make any investment which would jeopardize the carrying out of any of its exempt purposes, within the meaning of Code §4944, so as to give rise to any liability for tax imposed by Code §4944(a);
- (d) Not make any "taxable expenditures" as defined in Code §4945(d), which would give rise to any liability for tax imposed by Code §(a);
- (e) During the period it is a "private foundation" as defined in Code §509, the corporation shall distribute, for the purposes specified in its articles of organization for each taxable year, amounts at least sufficient to avoid liability for tax imposed by Code §4942(a).

ARTICLE VII.

No officer or member of the board of directors of the corporation shall receive or be lawfully entitled to receive any pecuniary profit from the operation of the corporation, except actual expenses to or on behalf of said corporation, if authorized by the board of directors. Additionally, the board of directors may fix the amount of compensation to be paid to any officer or member of the board of directors.

This Corporation shall exist perpetually or until dissolved by due process of law. Should this Corporation cease to exist as a legal entity and its charter be terminated, title to all its property automatically shall become vested in a like corporation, in the same manner as it holds title to any other property, with exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) or the corresponding section of any future United States tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public

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purposes. Any such assets not so 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 such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VIII.

The territory in which the operations of the corporation are principally to be conducted is the United States of America and its possessions.

ARTICLE IX.

The Board of Directors of this corporation shall not be less than three (3) or not more than fifteen (7).

ARTICLE X.

The names and addresses of the original directors of this corporation are as follows:

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
James L. Davis	936 Hamilton Place Drive Lakeland, FL 33813
Mark A. Floyd	12240 Pecan Forest Drive Dallas, TX 75230
James Blanchard	P. O. Box 120 Columbus, GA 31902
Craig Groeschel	7015 East 41 st Street Tulsa, OK 74145
Tommy Barnett	13613 N. Cave Creek Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85022
Patrick Lencioni	3640 Mt. Diablo Blvd., S/202 Lafayette, CA 94549
Erwin McManus	1539 E. Howard St., McGavran Hall, Suite U-11 Pasadena, CA 91104

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ARTICLE XI.

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Director who shall elect officers as follows: A Chairman, President, Secretary, and Treasurer, which officers shall be provided for in the By-Laws. They shall be elected from time to time in accordance with the By-Laws, and each shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified. Directors will be elected in accordance to the By-Laws.

ARTICLE XII.

The names and addresses of the officers who shall manage the affairs of this corporation until the first annual election, and the office which they will respectively hold until their successors are elected and qualified are as follows, to-wit:

NAME:	OFFICE:	ADDRESS:
Mark A. Floyd	Chairman	12240 Pecan Forest Drive Dallas, TX 75230
James L. Davis	President	936 Hamilton Place Drive Lakeland, FL 3313
Craig Groeschel	Secretary/Treasurer	7015 East 41 st Street Tulsa, OK 74145

ARTICLE XIII.

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

<u>NAME:</u>	<u>ADDRESS:</u>
Mark A. Floyd	12240 Pecan Forest Drive Dallas, TX 75230
James L. Davis	936 Hamilton Place Drive Lakeland, FL 33813
Craig Groeschel	7015 East 41 st Street Tulsa, OK 74145

ARTICLE XIV.

The By-Laws of this Corporation are to be made, altered, or rescinded by a majority of the qualified members present and voting at any properly called business meeting of the corporation.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporators have hereunto set their hands this 7 day of December, 2010.

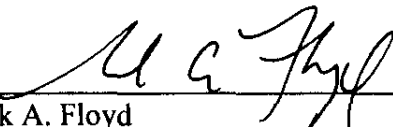

Mark A. Floyd, Incorporator

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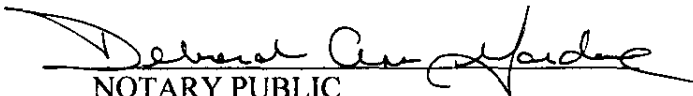
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared MARK A. FLOYD, to me well known who upon having first duly sworn, depose and say as follows:

1. That they are the Incorporators of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.
2. That the allegations set forth and contain in the foregoing Articles are true.
3. That it is intended in good faith by the members of this Corporation to carry out the purposes and objects set forth in the Articles of the Corporation.

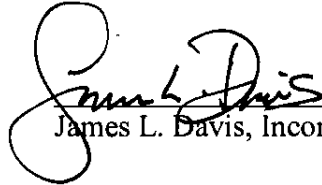

Mark A. Floyd

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 7 day of DECEMBER, 2010.


NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires 11-16-2011

Deborah Ann Gardner, Notary Public
Baltimore County
State of Maryland
My Commission Expires Nov. 16, 2011

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporators have hereunto set their hands this
2nd day of December, 2010.

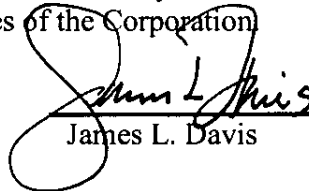

James L. Davis, Incorporator

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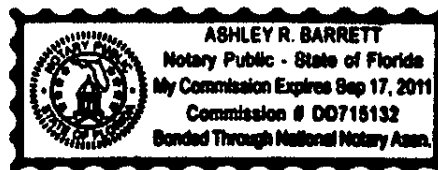
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared JAMES L. DAVIS
to me well known who upon having first duly sworn, depose and say as follows:

1. That they are the Incorporators of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.
2. That the allegations set forth and contain in the foregoing Articles are true.
3. That it is intended in good faith by the members of this Corporation to carry out the purposes and objects set forth in the Articles of the Corporation


James L. Davis

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 2nd day of December, 2010.


NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires 09/17/11



In WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporators have hereunto set their hands this
6 day of December, 2010.

Craig Groeschel
Craig Groeschel, Incorporator

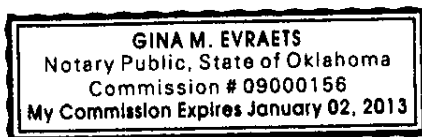
STATE OF Oklahoma
COUNTY OF Oklahoma

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared CRAIG GROESCHEL, to me well known who upon having first duly sworn, depose and say as follows:

1. That they are the Incorporators of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.
2. That the allegations set forth and contain in the foregoing Articles are true.
3. That it is intended in good faith by the members of this Corporation to carry out the purposes and objects set forth in the Articles of the Corporation.

Craig Groeschel
Craig Groeschel

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 6 day of DECEMBER, 2010.



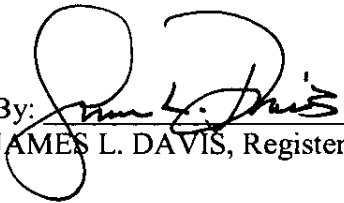
Gina M. Evraets
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My Commission Expires Jan 02, 2013

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR
THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON
WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.**

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, §48.091, the following is submitted:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation,
at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and to
comply with the provision of said act relative to keeping open said office. I am familiar
with and accept the obligations of Florida Statutes, §617.0501.

By: 
JAMES L. DAVIS, Registered Agent

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