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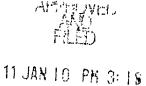


# **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: MPowering Lives International, Inc.				
	(PROPOSED CORPORAT	E NAME – <u>MUST INCL</u>	UDE SUFFIX)	
Enclosed is an original	and one (1) copy of the Artic	les of Incorporation an	d a check for:	
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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

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SECHETARIT OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

# MPOWERING LIVES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

## A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a Florida corporation not-for-profit under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

# ARTICLE I

## NAME

The name of the Corporation is MPowering Lives International, Inc.

# **ARTICLE II**

## PRINCIPLE PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principle place of business of this corporation shall be: 1822 Edgewood Drive, Navarre, FL 32566, located in Santa Rosa County, FL. The MPowering Lives International, Inc., may also have offices at such other places as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

## ARTICLE III

# **REGISTERED OFFICER OR AGENT AND ADDRESS**

The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is Stanley D. Williams. The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 1822 Edgewood Drive, Navarre, FL 32566, Santa Rosa County, Florida.

## **ARTICLE IV**

## **PURPOSES**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for the establishment and advancement of, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) To propagate the Christian Faith and to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed through the Holy Scriptures by all means of communication, whether visual, verbal or written via seminars, radio, television, the internet, website(s), blogs, podcasts and other forms of mass media.
- (b) To provide for preaching, teaching and fostering the growth of the Christian religion in all places according to the principles and doctrines of the Christian faith, local and international; to license and ordain ministers; to carry on the work of evangelism; to promote missionary work in all places; to carry on the organization of churches and foster their development and local sovereignty and independence according to this Constitution and its By-Laws.
- (c) To certify, license, ordain, and commission individuals called of God into positions of ministry and ministry helps based upon biblical values, education, training, and to oversee and evaluate spiritual growth and maturity.
- (d) To encourage, students, and staff to be representatives of holiness in their everyday lives, and to live lives that reflect the character and image of Jesus Christ, by associating as a body of believers for the purpose of education, mentoring, religious worship, and for the dissemination of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- (e) To promote education and literacy through tutoring, mentoring programs, and continuing education programs.
- (f) To erect and maintain Church buildings, ministry offices, recreational facilities, parsonages, and such other structures as are deemed necessary, and to organize and promote such activities as deemed necessary for the upkeep and continuance of said buildings and facilities in accordance with 501 (c)(3) statutes.
- (g) To contribute to the economic development of the community as a whole through networking with charitable organizations and community leaders in order to stimulate job creation, employment opportunities, housing (shelter), food and clothing for the economically disenfranchised.
- (h) Charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including for such purposes the makings of such distributions to organizations that also qualify as Section 501 (c)(3) exempt organizations. To this end, the Corporation shall engage in fundraising activities,

- volunteer work, and other activities to provide relief to the poor, the distressed and underprivileged, and the community as a whole.
- (i) To secure grants, and charitable contributions in pursuit of the fulfillment of the said purposes for which this organization is incorporated. To collect, solicit and accept funds, gifts and other subscriptions; to hold in trust, use, mortgage, lease, sell, or otherwise acquire or dispose of property, real or chattel), in keeping with the recited purposes of this corporation.

## **ARTICLE V**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of MPowering Lives International, Inc., shall be administered by a Board of Directors which shall be composed of at least three, and not exceeding seven members. The initial size shall be three members and the number of Directors may be increased by resolution of the Board of Directors from time to time.

## A. Appointment of Directors

All members of the Board of Directors will be appointed by the President of the Board with ratification vote of the Board of Directors.

The Directors at this time shall consist of the following:

- 1) President Senior Pastor and Chief Executive Officer
- 2) Vice-President
- 3) Secretary
- 4) Treasurer
- 5) Assistant Secretary

## B. Term

Members of the Board of Directors, excepting the President who shall serve for life, will hold office until the next annual meeting of members and their successors have been duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier resignation, removal from office or death.

# C. Successor to the President (Senior Pastor and Executive Officer)

The President shall have the sole powers, duties and authority to name his successor. In the event of the death or resignation of the President without written designation (actual or deemed) of a successor President, then the Vice-President shall become President. If there is no Vice-President at such time, then the remaining Board of Directors shall act as a special committee and shall recruit a qualified candidate to become President.

## D. Names of Board of Directors of the Corporation are as Follows:

Name	Address
Dr. Stanley D. Williams, President, Chief Executive Officer	1822 Edgewood Drive, Navarre, FL 32566
Dr. Bethtina Q. Williams, Vice-President	1822 Edgewood Drive, Navarre, FL 32566
Vickie L. Williams, Secretary	2112 Calle de Castellar, Navarre, FL 32566
Nikki M. Godbolt, Treasurer	5 Sandalwood Drive, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

# **ARTICLE VII**

## MEMBERS AND STAFF

The qualifications for members and staff, and the manner of their submission shall be regulated by the By-laws of the Corporation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained therein, members must pledge an unselfish devotion and loyalty to the principles of the Christian faith according to the Holy Bible, and salvation through repentance, and be subject to the leadership of the Board of Directors as unto Christ. Any person or persons deemed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation to: (1) pose a physical threat to any person or to the Corporation; (2) be in substantial disagreement with the doctrine and interpretation of the Holy Bible espoused by the Church; or (3) be causing, or capable of causing disruption to religious services or other activities of this Corporation; shall be considered a trespasser on the property of this Corporation, and may be ejected summarily. No Director shall incur any liability for acting in the interests of the Corporation pursuant to this Article.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

## **NO DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS**

The Corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any Director, Officer, or member of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation, and reasonable expenses may be paid thereto, affecting one or more of the Corporation's purposes). 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 or distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered or paid over to charitable, religious, scientific, testing for public safety, literary or educational organizations which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations.

## **ARTICLE IX**

## DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, no financial requirement will be made on the property of any of the Board Members. In no way shall any of the assets or property of the Corporation, or the proceeds of any of the assets of the property of the Corporation, in the event of dissolution, go to or be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sums subscribed, donated or contributed by such members. Its assets remaining after payment, or provision of payment of, all debts and liabilities of the Corporation shall be distributed to such not-for-profit fund, foundation, or corporation that is organized and operated for charitable, educational, ecclesiastical, religious, or sacerdotal purposes as may be selected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation in compliance with the regulations of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE X

#### **AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

# **ARTICLE XI**

# **ACCEPTANCE OF DEISGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT**

I hereby accept the appointment as the initial registered agent of MPowering Lives International, Inc., as made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

Dated: January <u>4</u>, 2011

Stanley D. Williams

# **ARTICLE XII**

# **INCORPORATORS**

In witness whereof, the undersigned have executed these Articles of Incorporation this  $\underline{\psi}^{\mu}$  day of January, 2011.

Stanley D. Williams, Incorporator

Bethtina Q. Williams, Incorporator

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