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SUBJECT: Awaken Church, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – **MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX**)

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

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FROM: Steven Goodspeed

Name (Printed or typed)

4501 Merlot Avenue

Address

Grapevine, TX 76051

City, State & Zip

972-444-8777

Daytime Telephone number

steven@amlawteam.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

January 10, 2012

STEVEN GOODSPEED
4501 MERLOT AVENUE
GRAPEVINE, TX 76051

SUBJECT: AWAKEN CHURCH, INC.
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We have received your document for AWAKEN CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
AWAKEN CHURCH OF NORTH PORT, INC.**

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Awaken Church of North Port, Inc. (the "Corporation") hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as amended (the "Act").

**ARTICLE 1
NAME AND INITIAL STREET AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The name of the Corporation is Awaken Church of North Port, Inc., and the initial principal street address of the Corporation is 1973 Monterey Drive, Deltona, Volusia County, Florida 32738. The initial mailing address is 642 Lucabaugh Mill Road, Westminster, MA 21157.

**ARTICLE 2
NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation organized under the Act and shall have all of the powers, duties, authorizations, and responsibilities as provided therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as an organization exempt from federal income tax and described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision or provisions of any subsequent United States Internal Revenue law or laws (the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986").

**ARTICLE 3
EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION**

The effective date of the Corporation shall be ~~January 1, 2012~~. The period of the Corporation's duration is perpetual, notwithstanding subsequent action by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE 4
PURPOSES**

The Corporation is formed for any lawful purpose or purposes not expressly prohibited under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as amended (the "Act"). The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation's purposes also include the limited participation of the Corporation in any other activities, including taxable activities, but only to the extent the activities would be permitted by a tax-exempt organization. More particularly, but without limitation, the purposes of this Corporation are:

(a) To promote the Christian religion by any appropriate form of expression, within any available medium, and in any location, through the Corporation's combined or separate formation, of a church, ministry, charity, school, or eleemosynary institution, without limitation.

(b) To reach people with the life-giving message of Jesus that they might become fully-devoted followers of Christ.

(c) To ordain, employ, and discharge ordained ministers of the Gospel, and others, to conduct and carry on divine services at the place of worship of the Corporation, and elsewhere.

(d) To collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of said Corporation and the accomplishment of its purpose within the State of Florida and elsewhere.

(e) To make distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended.

(f) This Corporation is also organized to promote, encourage, and foster any other similar religious, charitable, and educational activities; to accept, hold, invest, reinvest and administer any gifts, legacies, bequests, devises, funds and property of any sort or nature, and to use, expend, or donate the income or principal thereof for, and to devote the same to, the foregoing purposes of the Corporation; and to do any and all lawful acts and things which may be necessary, useful, suitable, or proper for the furtherance of accomplishment of the purposes of this Corporation. Provided, however, no act may be performed which would violate Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended.

ARTICLE 5 POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS

Except as otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation and in order to carry out the above-stated purposes, the Corporation shall have all those powers set forth in the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended. Moreover, the Corporation shall have all implied powers necessary and proper to carry out its express powers. The powers of the Corporation to promote the purposes set out above are limited and restricted in the following manner:

(a) The Corporation shall not pay dividends and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its organizers, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to make payments and distributions (including reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Corporation) in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in these Articles of Incorporation. 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 publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (i) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as

amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, or (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(b) In the event this Corporation is in any one year a "private foundation" as defined by Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, it shall be required to distribute its income for such taxable year at *such time and in such manner* as not to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; and further shall be prohibited from: (i) any act of "self dealing" as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (ii) retaining any "excess business holdings" as defined by Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (iii) making any investments in such manner as to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions any subsequent federal tax laws; or (iv) making a taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(c) The Corporation shall not accept any gift or grant if the gift or grant contains major conditions which would restrict or violate any of the Corporation's religious, charitable, or educational purposes or if the gift or grant would require serving a private as opposed to a public interest.

ARTICLE 6 DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Corporation shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all of the assets of the Corporation to any organization designated by the board of directors of the Corporation which is of like faith and order and is exempt from taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) (or the corresponding provision of any future tax law of the United States).

ARTICLE 7 MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have one or more classes of members, as provided by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 8 REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the registered office of the Corporation is 1973 Monterey Drive, Deltona, Florida 32738. The name of the registered agent at this office is Brian Zdrojowy.

ARTICLE 9 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Plenary power to manage and govern the affairs of the Corporation is vested in the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The qualifications, manner of selection, duties, terms, and other matters relating to the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be provided in the Bylaws. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) persons. The number of directors may be increased or decreased pursuant to the Bylaws. The number of directors may not be decreased to less than three. Directors need not be residents of Florida. The current Board of Directors shall consist of the following persons at the following addresses:

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Street Address</u>
Brian Zdrojowy	642 Lucabaugh Mill Rd Westminster, MD 21157
Jacqueline Zdrojowy	642 Lucabaugh Mill Rd Westminster, MD 21157
Raymond Zdrojowy	1973 Monterey Drive Deltona, FL 32738

ARTICLE 10 ACTION BY WRITTEN CONSENT

Action may be taken by use of signed written consents by the number of members, directors, or committee members whose vote would be necessary to take action at a meeting at which all such persons entitled to vote were present and voted. Each written consent must bear the date of signature of each person signing it. A consent signed by less than all of the members, directors, or committee members is not effective to take the intended action unless consents, signed by the required number of persons, are delivered to the Corporation within sixty (60) days after the date of the earliest dated consent delivered to the Corporation. Delivery must be made by hand, or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. The delivery may be made to the corporation's registered office, registered agent, principal place of business, transfer agent, registrar, exchange agent, or an officer or agent having custody of books in which the relevant proceedings are recorded. If the delivery is made to the Corporation's principal place of business, the consent must be addressed to the president or principal executive officer.

The Corporation will give prompt notice of the action taken to persons who do not sign consents. If the action taken requires documents to be filed with the secretary of state, the filed documents will indicate that the written consent procedures have been properly followed.

A telegram, telex, cablegram, or similar transmission by a member, director, or committee member, or photographic, facsimile, or similar reproduction of a signed writing is to be regarded as being signed by the member, director, or committee member.

ARTICLE 11
LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

A director is not liable to the Corporation or members for monetary damages for an act or omission in the director's capacity as director except to the extent otherwise provided by a statute of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE 12
INDEMNIFICATION

To the extent provided in the Bylaws, the Corporation may indemnify a person who was, is, or is threatened to be made a named defendant or respondent in litigation or other proceedings because the person is or was a director or other person related to the Corporation as provided by the provisions in the Statutes governing indemnification.

ARTICLE 13
CONSTRUCTION

All references in these Articles of Incorporation to statutes, regulations, or other sources of legal authority shall refer to the authorities cited, or their successors, as they may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE 14
AMENDMENT

These Articles may be amended by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors, as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 15
INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the Incorporator is:

<u>Name of Incorporator</u>	<u>Address</u>
Steven Goodspeed	4501 Merlot Avenue Grapevine, Texas 76051

The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument. I execute these Articles of Incorporation on the 5th day of January, 2012.



STEVEN GOODSPEED

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-named corporation at the place designated in these Articles, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Brian Zdrojowy
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