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## SUBJECT: PAX 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 :

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FROM: Michael Perea

Name (Printed or typed)

# 22146 Rosewall

Address

Land O' Lakes, Florida 34639 City, State & Zip

### 813-849-3687

Daytime Telephone number

# perea\_michael@hotmail.com

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

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#### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

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#### OF

#### PAX MINISTRIES, INC.

#### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we the undersigned, residents and citizens of the United States of America, of full age of majority, have for the purpose of forming a nonprofit religious corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of FLORIDA, for the purposes expressed in ARTICLE III hereof, adopted the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this corporation shall be PAX MINISTRIES, INC.

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principle street address of PAX MINISTRIES, INC. is 22146 Rosewall, Land O' Lakes, Florida 34639.

#### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes as within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America.

To assure the corporation of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the organization all ecclesiastical and legal power and authority relative to the corporation shall be exercised by and in accordance with the New Testament church pattern. Thus under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, the Board of Trustees shall conduct all the business of the corporation and shall be the only voting members of the corporation. The number of Trustees, and the qualifications shall be established in the bylaws of this corporation.

In furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purpose, the corporation shall have the following powers and authority; however, the corporation shall not be empowered, and is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America:

(a) To operate under the name as set forth in ARTICLE I above;

(b) To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of this corporation;

(c) To adopt and use a corporate seal;

(d) To earnestly seek and promote the unity of God's people and churches in a scriptural manner of godly, respect and faithful voluntary cooperation with liberty. To that end it may associate and cooperate freely with other nonprofit associations, churches and missionary organizations and their branches. It shall operate as a free and independent corporation in accord with its own conscience and the wisdom of God, as the corporation perceives it to be. In every case and in every act and in pursuit of or adoption of any policy or method or in practice or association, the corporation does and shall do so as a free organization always retaining its sovereignty and independence, and in no case whatsoever as an act of subjection nor precedent or amenability nor as an active or passive or implied affiliation nor in any way as relinquishing its perpetual legal independence and sovereignty.

(e) To receive tithes, offerings and other financial gifts and / or property by gift, devise or bequest subject to the laws relating to the transfer of property by gift or will.

(f) To act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the principal objects of the corporation and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust.

(g) To take, purchase or otherwise acquire; to own, hold, occupy, use, and enjoy; manage, improve, develop and work; to grant, sell, exchange, let, demise and otherwise dispose of real estate, buildings, and improvements and every right, interest and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to erect, construct, alter and repair buildings; to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by or with any person, firm, corporation, or association, or any Federal, State, or other government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use, enjoyment, leasing, management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated.

(h) To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount and with any person, firm, association or corporation; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, issue, and execute promissory notes, warrants, and other negotiable or transferable interests.

(i) To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use and enjoy, to sell, assign and transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, deal in or deal with personal property of every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated.

(j) To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security therefore; to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, warrants and other debentures of the corporation, or otherwise to make guarantees of every kind and secure any or all obligations of the corporation by mortgage, trust deed or otherwise.

(k) By its Board of Trustees to appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper; define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; require bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and fix the penalty thereof; dismiss such officers or employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places; (l) To minister sacerdotal functions;

(m) To adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;

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(n) To use any and all media, including but not limited to recording, print, television and radio, in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;

(o) To provide ministry to those who are addicted to drugs, alcohol or other addictions; whether they are on the street, in jails, penitentiaries and other detention or penal facilities and to provide a safe place for them to get set free from said addictions.

(p) To assume our share of the responsibility and privilege of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ by work, music, song and testimony;

(q) To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the corporation and to have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of the State.

(r) To exercise such other and incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax-exempt status as a religious organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America.

(s) The several clauses contained in this ARTICLE III shall be construed both as purposes and powers and statements contained in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clauses, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers. Notwithstanding any provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not engage in any political activity proscribed by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America, nor shall any income or assets of the corporation inure to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity.

(t) PAX MINISTRIES, INC. is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The private property of the trustees shall be non-assessable and shall not be subject to the payment of any corporate debts, nor shall the trustees of the corporation become individually or corporately liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

Original Trustees are to be selected by the incorporators, and thereafter chosen by the Officers. Once the Board has been established, new Trustees may be selected.

#### ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

The undersigned are the initial board of directors of PAX MINISTRIES, INC.

Michael Perea, President

22146 Rosewall Land O' Lakes, Florida 34639

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Eileen Perea, Vice- President 22146 Rosewall Land O' Lakes, Florida 34639

Kathleen O'Neal, Secretary/Treasurer 1924 W. Elm Durant, Oklahoma 74701

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#### ARTICLE VI

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# SECRETARY OF STATE FALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The name of the registered agent is Michael Perea

Having been names 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.

Signature/Registered Agent

Signature/Incorporator

April 5, 2012 April 5, 2012

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATIOR / REGISTERED AGENT** 

The Incorporator is Michael Perea, 22146 Rosewall, Land O' Lakes, Florida 34639.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

PAX MINISTRIES, INC. will have no membership, other than the Board of Trustees, who are the voting members of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX

This nonprofit corporation is formed without any purpose of pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock. No part of the net earnings of PAX MINISTRIES, INC. shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that PAX MINISTRIES, INC. 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 Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of PAX MINISTRIES, INC. shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and PAX MINISTRIES, INC. 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, PAX MINISTRIES, INC. 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, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### ARTICLE X

Upon dissolution of the corporation for any cause, all of the assets and property, both real and personal, then owned or controlled by this corporation shall revert to and become the property of an eleemosynary institution accorded tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America, to be designated by the Board of Trustees, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas 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 said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes; provided, however, that the just debts and liabilities of the corporation shall first be paid. Upon dissolution, none of the assets or property of the corporation shall devolve to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity except as provided above in this ARTICLE X.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

#### **DURATION**

The Duration of PAX MINISTRIES, INC. is perpetual.

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#### ARTICLE XII

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority.