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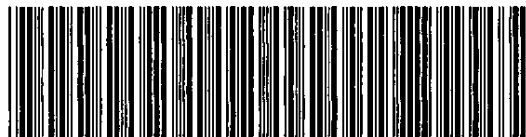
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June 11, 2012

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

RE: PROVIDENCE CHURCH OF LEHIGH ACRES, FLORIDA, INC.

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check in the amount of \$87.50 for the Filing Fee, a Certified Copy and a Certificate.

This is for Providence Church, 5471 Lee Street, Unit 103, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971. Please use this phone number and email address for future annual report notification:

(239) 674-7100  
contactus@providenceswfl.com

Sincerely,

  
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SUBJECT: PROVIDENCE CHURCH OF LEHIGH ACRES, FLORIDA, INC.  
Ref. Number: W12000035472

We have received your document for PROVIDENCE CHURCH OF LEHIGH ACRES, FLORIDA, 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):

- ✓The name of the entity must be identical throughout the document.
- ✓Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

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.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Tim Burch  
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

PROVIDENCE CHURCH OF LEHIGH ACRES, FLORIDA, INC.

A Corporation Not For Profit

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We, the undersigned, hereby form ourselves and our successors into a corporation not for profit, under the corporate name of PROVIDENCE CHURCH OF LEHIGH ACRES, FLORIDA, INC., Lehigh Acres, Florida, and hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be PROVIDENCE CHURCH OF LEHIGH ACRES, FLORIDA, INC., and it is located in Lehigh Acres, Lee County, Florida.

ARTICLE II

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation is 5471 Lee Street, Unit 103, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971.

ARTICLE III

The general nature and object of this corporation is exclusively charitable, evangelistic, educational and religious, including the maintenance of regular services of worship and Bible study, the maintenance of a school or schools, and the general proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to buy, purchase, own, acquire, by gift, devise, purchase or otherwise, real and personal property, and to build, erect, construct, provide for, maintain and equip suitable buildings, churches, houses, etc., for the benefit, use and occupation of PROVIDENCE CHURCH OF LEHIGH ACRES, FLORIDA, INC., its members and congregation, in maintaining and fostering public worship, and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and for all other meetings and purposes of the said PROVIDENCE CHURCH OF LEHIGH ACRES, FLORIDA, INC., its members and congregation. To build, construct, erect, maintain and equip schools, mission stations and mission churches, pastors' home and such other houses or equipment as the church may desire for carrying on its work.

This corporation shall have all powers incidental to the promotion and fulfillment of its purpose and ministry as described above, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. To receive, administer, disburse and invest gifts, devises and bequests by and from any persons.
2. To issue bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness and to secure the same by mortgage or otherwise.
3. To pay salaries or other compensation to any persons, including its members, for the fulfillment and ministry as outlined above.
4. The corporation shall have all other powers necessary and incidental to its purpose and ministry as described above, as permitted under the Laws of the State of Florida currently or in the future in effect.

#### ARTICLE IV

The membership of this corporation shall consist of born again Christians, who subscribe to the purpose of this corporation as outlined herein and who are elected to membership by the majority vote of the Trustees of this corporation. Appointment of Directors will be stated in the by-laws.

#### ARTICLE V

The initial membership of this corporation shall consist of the following named persons, who are also the Subscribers to this Charter, and who are also the Trustees of this corporation:

SHAWN BERGEN  
PRESIDENT

1532 Honor Court  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

JARED LONGSHORE  
VICE PRESIDENT

4204 10<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33971

KELLY HILL  
TREASURER

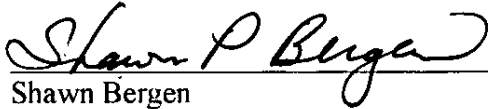
14020 Brookstone Ct.  
Fort Myers, FL 33905

ARTICLE VI

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

PROVIDENCE CHURCH OF LEHIGH ACRES, FLORIDA, INC., a corporation not for profit, desiring to organize under the Laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at City of Lehigh Acres, County of Lee, State of Florida, has named SHAWN BERGEN, 1532 Honor Court, Lehigh Acres, Florida 33971, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

Having been named to accept service of process for the abovenamed corporation, at place indicated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

  
Shawn Bergen  
Resident Agent

ARTICLE VII

Incorporator Shawn Bergen, President.

ARTICLE VIII

The government of this corporation shall be vested in the membership as aforesaid and carried out through the corporate officers as hereinafter set forth.

ARTICLE IX

The name of the officers who are to manage the affairs of this corporation until their successors are elected and qualified shall be as follows:

SHAWN BERGEN

President

JARED LONGSHORE

Vice-President

KELLY HILL

Treasurer

#### ARTICLE X

Business meetings shall be held at least annually by this corporation and a quorum shall consist of no less than a majority of the membership.

#### ARTICLE XI

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets of the corporation shall be distributed only for religious, charitable and/or educational purposes, as required by the then existing provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE XII

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

#### ARTICLE XIII

The By-Laws and these Articles of Incorporation shall be made, altered or amended by the corporation at any regular or special meeting duly and legally called, but any alteration shall only be made by a two-thirds vote of all of the members of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE XIV

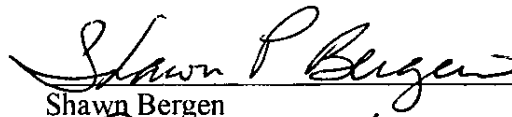
1. The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.
2. The corporation shall not engage in any act in self dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the 1954 Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.
3. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the 1954 Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.

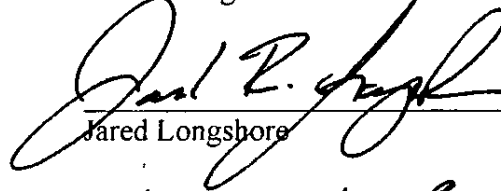
4. The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the 1954 Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.
5. The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the 1954 Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.
6. The corporation is authorized to accept, hold, administer, invest and disburse for charitable, religious and educational purposes, such funds as may from time to time be given to it by any person, persons or corporations, to receive gifts and make financial and other types of contributions and assistance to charitable, religious and educational organizations, and in general, to do all things that may appear necessary and useful in accomplishing the purposes hereinabove set out.
7. All of the assets and earnings shall be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set out, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto; and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall enure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of its activities or of any organization to which it may contribute shall be for the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or to participate in or influence any political campaign or any other activity which would disqualify the corporation from tax exemption under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code or other applicable Federal, State or local laws or regulations now or hereafter enacted.
8. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
9. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations

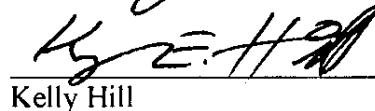


described in Sections 501(c)3 and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seal at Lehigh Acres, Florida, this 21 day of June, 2012.

  
Shawn Bergen

  
Jared Longshore

  
Kelly Hill

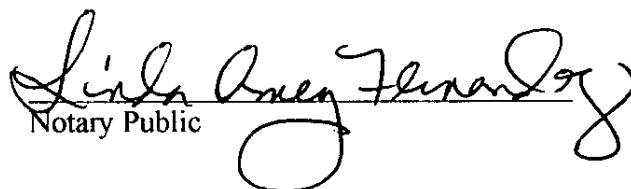
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 21 day of June, 2012, before me, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared SHAWN BERGEN, JARED LONGSHORE and KELLY HILL, all to me known and known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who severally acknowledged the execution thereof to be their free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal at Lehigh Acres, Florida, the day and year first above written.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

