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## **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: Ligor	nier Academy of Biblical and Theological Studies, 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:	Dr. G. Todd Jackson
i kom.	Name (Printed or typed)
	Ligonier Ministries, 421 Ligonier Ct.
	Address
	Sanford, FL 32771
	City, State & Zip
	407-333-4244
	Daytime Telephone number

tjackson@ligonier.org

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

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

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF LIGONIER ACADEMY OF BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES IN

I, the undersigned, acting as incorporator, submit the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation in compliance with Chapter 617 of the Borida Statutes (Not for Profit), and hereby certify that:

ARTICLE 1: Name. The name of the corporation is Ligonier Academy of Biblical and Theological Studies, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation."

**ARTICLE 2:** <u>Principal Office</u>. The principal place of business and mailing address of this Corporation is: 465 Ligonier Court, Sanford, FL 32771.

**ARTICLE 3:** <u>Duration</u>. The period of its duration is perpetual.

**ARTICLE 4:** <u>Purposes</u>. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, educational, and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or a related section of a successor statute (hereinafter "Code"), including but not limited to operating a Christian educational institution providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs and other post-secondary educational programs grounded in the Reformed tradition.

**ARTICLE 5:** Membership. The Corporation shall have one class of members, the sole member of which shall be Ligonier Ministries, Inc., a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation.

ARTICLE 6: Tax Exempt Provisions. The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious, educational, and charitable purposes, and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 of the Code.

In the event the Corporation is found to be in any one year a "private foundation" as defined by Section 509 (a) of the Code, it shall be (1) required to distribute its income for such taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the Corporation to taxation under Section 4942 of the Code; (2) prohibited from any act of "self-dealing" as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code; (3) prohibited from retaining any "excess business holdings" as defined by Section 4943(c) of the Code; (4) prohibited from making any investments in such manner as to subject the Corporation to taxation under Section 4944 of the Code; and (5) prohibited from making any taxable expenditure as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code.

Upon dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, all assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation shall be distributed to Ligonier Ministries, Inc., if then in existence and in good standing as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, and otherwise for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code as determined by the Board of Directors. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of exclusively for such exempt purposes by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located.

**ARTICLE 7:** Manner of Appointment of Directors. The directors of the Corporation shall be appointed by the member of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE 8:** <u>Initial Board of Directors</u>. The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be six (6). The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Board of Directors are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Dr. R.C. Sproul, Sr.	421 Ligonier Ct., Sanford, FL 32771
Dr. W. Robert Godfrey	1725 Bear Valley Parkway, Escondido, CA 92027
Dr. Steven J. Lawson	1110 Montlimar Drive, Suite 690, Mobile, AL 36609
Dr. Stephen Nichols	372 Hammertown Road, Narvon, PA 17555
Mr. Chris Larson	421 Ligonier Ct., Sanford, FL 32771
Mr. James M. Campisi	300 International Parkway, Heathrow, FL 32746

ARTICLE 9: Initial Registered Agent and Address. The name and Florida street address of the initial registered agent is Pullum & Pullum, P.A., 1330 Citizens Blvd., Suite 701, Leesburg, FL 34748.

**ARTICLE 10:** Incorporator. The name and address of the incorporator is:

NAME

**ADDRESS** 

Dr. G. Todd Jackson

421 Ligonier Ct., Sanford, FL 32771

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has set his hand this 2044 day of June 2013.

BY: G/Todd Jackson, Incorporator

June 20, 2013
Date

Having been named as initial 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.

By: Marybeth L. Pullum