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**FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION  
LIVING OAKS MINISTRIES, INC.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
Living Oaks Ministries, Inc.,  
a Florida not-for-profit corporation**

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the corporation is **Living Oaks Ministries, Inc.**

**ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS**

A. The street address of the initial principal office of this corporation shall be 50 S. U.S. Highway One, Suite 207, Jupiter, FL, 33477.

B. The mailing address of this corporation and the initial principal location of the Church to be operated pursuant to these Articles shall be 14156 64<sup>th</sup> Dr. N., Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418.

**ARTICLE III: PURPOSES**

A. This corporation is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational 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 of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

B. The general purposes for which this corporation is organized are, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, are:

1. To own and operate a Christian Church pursuant to Section 46 of the Minutes 2010 Church of God Book of Discipline, Church Order, and Governance, and later editions of the Minutes, as revised or amended from time to time.
2. To provide a place of worship for its members, who shall be members in good standing of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A., and conducting the affairs of the congregation according to the rules and regulations of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A., and specifically the International General Assembly Minutes of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A, promoting the cause of Christianity in accord with the teachings, tenets, and customs of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A., owning and maintaining suitable buildings and facilities necessary for their

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acquisition, upkeep, maintenance and sale, all in accord with the International General Assembly Minutes of the Church of God.

3. To provide a welcoming place of Christian worship, Christian outreach, Christian evangelism, Christian education, Christian love and community service for all persons whether they are or are not members of this corporation or members in good standing of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A.
4. All purposes reasonably incidental to the above.

C. The corporation shall also enjoy all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon non-profit corporations. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

#### **ARTICLE IV: DURATION**

This corporation shall exist perpetually commencing on the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Department of State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE V: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The initial registered agent for this corporation is Mark Carman and the initial registered office of this corporation will be at 50 S. U.S. Highway One, Suite 207, Jupiter, FL, 33477.

#### **ARTICLE VI: MEMBERS**

A. This corporation shall have members. Members may be admitted to this corporation upon motion made by a member of the Board of Directors and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors at a meeting at which a quorum of the members of the Board of Directors is present.

B. Members may be removed, with or without cause, upon a motion made by a member of the Board of Directors and the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors at a meeting at which a quorum of the members of the Board of Directors is present.

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C. In lieu of the above, members may be admitted to, or removed from, the corporation, by the unanimous consent of the members of the Board of Directors as contemplated in Section 617.0821, Florida Statutes.

D. Membership in this corporation shall not be transferable or assignable by a member.

E. Upon termination of membership, the terminated member shall have no further rights as to this corporation.

F. The names and addresses of the initial members of the corporation are as follows:

Pastor Larry Richardson, 14156 64th Drive No, Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33418.  
Clark Harden, 16630 75<sup>th</sup> Way N., Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33418.  
Mark Carman, 50 South US Highway One, Suite 207, Jupiter, Fl. 33477.  
Mark DeStefanis, 15228, 72d Dr. N, Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33418.  
John L. Bryan, Jr., 18777 SE River Ridge Rd, Tequesta, Fl. 33469.

#### **ARTICLE VII: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A. All corporate powers shall be exercised by, and the affairs of this corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Directors, which shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members. The number of directors may be raised or lowered by the members of the corporation, but shall in no case be less than three (3).

B. Directors must be natural persons who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, but need not be residents of the State of Florida or members of this corporation.

C. Directors shall be elected by the members of this corporation at a regular or special meeting, or by written consent as contemplated in Section 617.0701(4), Florida Statutes.

D. Directors may be removed by the members in the manner contemplated in Section 617.0808, Florida Statutes.

E. The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Pastor Larry Richardson, 14156 64th Drive No, Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33418.  
Clark Harden, 16630 75<sup>th</sup> Way N., Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33418.  
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### **ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS**

A. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and any other officers as determined by the Board of Directors. All Officers shall be elected by, and serve at the discretion of, the Board of Directors.

B. The names and addresses of the initial officers of the corporation as follows:

#### **Name and Address**

Pastor Larry Richardson, 14156 64<sup>th</sup> Dr. N., Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33418: President

Mark Carman, 50 South US Highway One, Suite 207, Jupiter, Fl., 33477: Secretary and Treasurer.

### **ARTICLE IX: INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

**Pastor Larry Richardson**  
14156 64<sup>th</sup> Dr. N., Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33418

### **ARTICLE X: NET EARNINGS**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation 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 III above. 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 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, the corporation 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 the 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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**ARTICLE XI: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation or the winding up of its affairs, or other liquidation of its assets, assets shall be distributed as follows:

- A. In the event this corporation shall cease to exist, or depart from the polity of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A., as expressed in the International General Assembly Minutes of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, U.S.A., and otherwise, the assets of the corporation shall revert to the State Trustees for the Church of God in the state of Florida, or to one or more organizations described in Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (U.S.A.) or the corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code (U.S.A.). Further, that the proceeds/assets from the disposition must go directly into real property purchases or improvements; or
- B. Said assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, 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 in accordance with either section (A) or (B) of this Article XI shall be disposed of by the appropriate court of the county in which the principal office of this corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as set court shall determine, which are organized and are operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE XII: BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of this corporation shall be adopted, and may be amended, by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

A. Members of this corporation shall not have the right to vote on proposed amendments to these Articles of Incorporation.

B. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors then in office at a special or regular meeting, or by

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unanimous written consent of all the directors then in office as contemplated in Section 617.0821, Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE XIV: NON-STOCK BASIS**

This corporation is organized (and shall be operated) on a non-stock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock, but may issue membership certificates if so provided in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE XV: INDEMNIFICATION**

Each director, officer, and authorized agent of this corporation shall be indemnified by this corporation against all liabilities and expenses incurred directly, indirectly or incidentally to services performed for the corporation, to the fullest extent permitted under Florida law existing now or hereafter enacted.

IN WITNESS, the undersigned has made and executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 12 day of June, 2013.



Pastor Larry Richardson, Incorporator

(The execution of this document constitutes an affirmation under penalties of perjury that the facts stated herein are true.)

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**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE  
FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE,  
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.**

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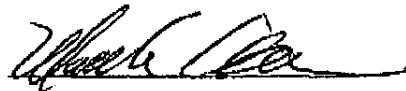
Pursuant to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

First, that **LIVING OAKS MINISTRIES, INC.**, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at 50 South US Highway One, Suite 207, Jupiter, Fl., 33477, has named **MARK CARMAN**, located at 50 South US Highway One, Suite 207, Jupiter, Fl., 33477, as its Agent to accept Service of Process within this state.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at place designated 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.

DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2013.



Mark Carman, Registered Agent