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## **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT: Descending Dove Ministry, Inc.

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

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FROM: Brian Patterson

3516 SW Savona Blvd

Port St. Lucie, Fl. 34953

<u>561-900-5313</u>

E-mail: brianp\_777@att.net

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



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

February 26, 2014

BRIAN PATTERSON 3516 SW SAVONA BLVD PORT ST. LUCIE, FL 34953

SUBJECT: DESCENDING DOVE MINISTRY, INC.

Ref. Number: W14000012641

We have received your document for DESCENDING DOVE MINISTRY, 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):

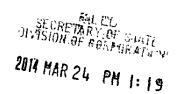
Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

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.

Valerie Herring Regulatory Specialist II New Filing Section

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

## ARTICLE I NAME: Descending Dove Ministry, Inc.

Principal street address:	Mailing address, if different is:
3516 SW Savona Blvd	N/A
Port St Lucie, FL 34953-2207	

#### **ARTICLE III- PURPOSE**

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering national or international amateur sports competition, and preventing cruelty to children or animals of section 501 c 3 of the Internal Revenue code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE-111-b- Dissolution- shall be in accordance with Section 501 c 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state (FL) or local or local government for public purpose.

#### ARTICLE- 111-c- By-laws

- 1. A Minimum of three and maximum of seven members shall constitute the board.
- 2. The members of the board shall have the right to elect individuals to various board positions and voting privileges on nominations, board and organizational policies and procedures.
- 3. Indemnification- No board member shall be personally liable for any legal and/or civil matters pertaining to the Corporation.
- 4. A quorum of three members must be present either in person or via phone, electronic devices or computer for official decisions to be made.
- 5. Terms and term limits. Two years, with term limits of three consecutive terms (making a total of six years); after a year off, a board member may be permitted to return with the exception of the position of president, which shall be perpetual. Terms may be staggered. The board will create and dissolve standing and temporary committees as it sees fit.
- 6. Titles of Officers-Officers are appointed by majority vote with the exception of president, at a regular meeting of the board.
- 7. Procedure for removing a board member or officer: By majority vote with exception of president, at a regularly scheduled meeting where the item was placed on the written agenda distributed at least two weeks ahead
- 8. Conflict of interest policy. There is a conflict of interest policy.
- 9. Minimum number of board meetings per year: Four, with one in each quarter.
- 10. Special or emergency board meeting may be called by members as necessary.
- 11. A committee may be created or dissolved by the board as needed.

## **ARTICLE 111-d- Conflict of Interest Statement**

### 1.Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect Descending Dove Ministry Tax-exempt organization's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

## 11-1, Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

- 2. Financial Interest A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:
- a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- b. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.

## 111- Procedures

## 1. 1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

## 2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists. (A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. A person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

- 3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest
- a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The president of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

- d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. That each party is acting in their own best interest and all transactions are conducted no differently than would be by a third party, and at fair market value. Ensure that all parties to transaction are on equal footing to show that price, requirements and/or other conditions are fair and real, and in conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.
- 4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy
- a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

# **IV- Records of Proceedings**

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

## V- Compensation

- a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from Descending Dove Ministry, Inc. for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from Descending Dove Ministry for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from Descending Dove Ministry, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

#### VI- Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy.
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy.
- d. Understands that Descending Dove Ministry is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

#### VII- Periodic Reviews

To ensure that Descending Dove Ministry operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

VIII- Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, Descending Dove Ministry may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed: Terms and term limits. Two years, with term limits of three consecutive terms (making a total of six years); after a year off, a board member may be permitted to return. Terms may be staggered. The board will create and dissolve standing and temporary committees as it sees fit. #By founder-Brian Patterson

# ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Name and Title Brian Patterson, President

Address 3516 SW Savona Blvd

Port St. Lucie, FL 34953-2207

Name and Title Freddy Bell, Treasurer

Address 19925 SW 123 Ave. Miami, FL 33175

Name and Title Lowell Lewis, Secretary

Address 1609 Netherfield Ln. Raleigh, NC 27610

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# **ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Name Brian Pati

Brian Patterson

Address 3516 SW Savona Blvd

Pt. St. Lucie, FL 34953-2207

Having been named 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

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X Date 2/22/2014

Brian Patterson

## ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is

Name Brian Patterson

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Address 3516 SW Savona Blvd

Pt. St. Lucie, FL 34953-2207

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

Required Signature of Incorporator

2/22/2014

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