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SUBJECT: SISTER CIRCLE, 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: CHERYL LYNETT BANKS

Name (Printed or typed)

6028 RIDGE LAKE CIRCLE

Address

VERO BEACH, FL 32967

City, State & Zip

(772) 563-3638 or (772) 559-9116

Daytime Telephone number

rlwrhemaword@yahoo.com

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

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August 21, 2014

CHERYL LYNETT BANKS 6028 RIDGE LAKE CIRCLE VERO BEACH, FL 32967

SUBJECT: SISTER CIRCLE, INC. Ref. Number: W14000051252

We have received your document for SISTER CIRCLE, 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):

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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SISTER CIRCLE EMPOWERMENT MINISTRY, INC.

In Compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (F.S.), (Not for Profit CRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

THE UNDERSIGNED, each with the capacity to contract, hereby executes and acknowledges these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida, Pursuant to Chapter 617, F.S., Not for profit; the undersigned corporation submits the following information:

### ARTICLE I. NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this corporation shall be: SISTER CIRCLE EMPOWERMENT MINISTRY, INC.

#### ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal street address and mailing address, if different is:

Street Address: 6028 RIDGE LAKE CIRCLE, VERO BEACH, FL 32967

Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 1161 VERO BEACH, FL 32961

#### **ARTICLE III. PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

TO ENCOURAGE ALL WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD THAT OUR PAST IS OUR PAST AND THE MISTAKES WE MADE ALONG THE WAY ARE ACTUALLY VALUABLE TOOLS TO BE USED AS "LESSONS LEARNED" TO BUILD US AND NOT TEAR US DOWN; TO ENCOURAGE WOMEN NOT TO BE SATISFIED WITH JUST TALKING ABOUT WHO WE ARE, BUT TRULY BEING WHO GOD HAS DESIGNED US TO BE INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY; PROMOTE UNITY BY BRINGING ALL WOMEN TOGETHER IN HOPES THAT EVERYONE HAS A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, THEMSELVES AND OTHERS; SHOW MORE LOVE IN EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE BEING HONEST WITH THEMSELVES AND HOLDING EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE WITHOUT GETTING UPSET ABOUT IT; TO PROPAGATE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AS REVEALED THROUGH THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: TO ENHANCE THE SPIRITUAL MATURITY OF WOMEN AS IT IS REVEALED IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES; PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR TEACHING AND FOSTERING THE GROWTH OF CHILDREN RESIDING IN "AT RISK" ENVIORNMENTS; TO TUTOR CHILDREN USING THE MOST CURRENT EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO PREPARE THEM FOR THEIR NEXT GRADE LEVEL OF EDUCATION; ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS, ETC, TO HELP ALL WOMEN, SPECIFICALLY TARGETING SINGLES MOTHERS IMPROVE THEIR PARENTAL ROLES: PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING SERVICES AS REQUIRED and to also engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (1) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. The purposes for which this corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

#### ARTICLE IV. MANNER OF ELECTION

The corporation shall have non-voting membership. The members of the corporation shall consist of any adult accepted by the Board of Directors expressing a desire to help further the purposes for which the corporation was organized, and who displays willingness to regularly contribute time and service in this regard. A mature person who, of noble character and good reputation within the community, is willing to contribute time and money for this purpose may, upon request, be admitted to membership by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors including the pastor's approval.

## ARTICLE V. INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

The Board of Directors of the corporation shall consist of no less than three (3) directors as determined by the Bylaws. Directors shall be appointed annually by the Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to make provision for reasonable compensation to its members for their services as directors and to fix the basis and conditions upon which this compensation shall be paid. Any director may also serve the corporation in any other capacity and receive compensation there from in any form.

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

<u>NAME</u> CHERYL LYNETT BANKS	<u>ADDRESS</u> 6028 RIDGE LAKE CIRCLE VERO BEACH, FL 32967
JOE WILLIE MOORE JR.	6028 RIDGE LAKE CIRCLE VERO BEACH, FL 32967
KAREN DENISE MOORE	6028 RIDGE LAKE CIRCLE VERO BEACH, FL 32967
CAROLYN THORNTON NELSON	634 24 <sup>TH</sup> STREET S.W. VERO BEACH, FL 32962
RUBY JEFFERSON	5704 KINGS HIGHWAY FORT PIERCE, FL 34951

#### ARTICLE VI. INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The street address of the corporation's Initial Registered Office is 6028 RIDGE LAKE CIRCLE, VERO BEACH, FL 32967 and the name of its Initial Registered at that office is CHERYL LYNETT BANKS, a resident of Florida located in the county of INDIAN RIVER.

The Initial Registered Agent is an initial director of the corporation.

I hereby consent to the appointment as Initial Registered Agent of the corporation.

CHERYA LYNETT BANKS

ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATORS

The names and residence addresses of the subscribers to these articles are as follows

<u>NAME</u> CHERYL LYNETT BANKS ADDRESS 6028 RIDGE LAKE CIRCLES VERO BEACH, FL 32967

ARTICLE VIII. TERM

The date of commencement of corporate existence shall be when these articles have been filed with the Department of State and approved by it and the respective filing fee has been paid; the term for which the corporation is to exist shall be perpetual. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, no part of the corporation's earnings or assets shall inure to the benefit of any of its members; the residual assets of the corporation shall be distributed 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 1986, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.

#### ARTICLE IX. NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

No part of the net earning of the corporation shall ever 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 and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in article 2. 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 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 of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or: (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue laws.

# ARTICLE X. BYLAWS

The first Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors and may be amended, altered or rescinded by the Board of Directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

# ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or in the following manner:

Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the members and approved at a membership meeting for which due notice of the proposed amendment was given, by affirmative vote of a quorum of the members present.

Provided, however, that no amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for membership nor voting rights of members without approval in writing by all members.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, for the purposes of becoming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of the laws of Florida, do make and affix our signatures to acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of State these Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS our respective hands and seals on the dates and places indicated below.

INCORPORATOR(S):  CHERYLLYNETT BANKS	JUL 3 1 2014
CHERY LYNETT BANKS	JUL 3 1 2014
JOE/WILLIE MOORE JR.	JUL 3 1 2014
Maren Denise Moore	JUL 3 1 2014
Carolyn Thornton Nelson	JUL 3 1 2014
RUBY JEFFERSON	JUL 3 1 2014