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SUBJECT: EMPOWERMENT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, 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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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Mark Butler
Name (Printed or typed)

2826 Silkwood Circle Apt. 113
Address

Orlando, FL. 32818
City, State & Zip

407-952-3168
Daytime Telephone number

pastormarkbutler@gmail.com
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
EMPOWERMENT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.

(A Florida Nonprofit Corporation)

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator of a corporation, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

ARTICLE I
CORPORATE NAME

The name of this nonprofit corporation is EMPOWERMENT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.

ARTICLE II
DURATION

The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of these

Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE III
CORPORATE PURPOSES; POWERS

1. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized and operated are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational with 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. Such purposes shall include the following:

(a) Religious purposes, including teaching and preaching the uncompromised Word of God, reaching lost souls, feeding the poor and hungry, healing the sick and brokenhearted, training, disciplining new converts and mature Christians, marital, personal and spiritual counseling.

(b) Conducting a local Church by the direction of the Lord Jesus Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in accordance with all the Commandments and provisions as set forth in the Holy Bible, the Irrevocable Word of God. Pursuant thereto, the following activities and guidelines shall be established.

- i. A recognized Creed, Code of Doctrine, discipline and form of worship.
- ii. An ecclesiastical form of government.
- iii. An organization of ministers to minister to the congregation of the Church.
- iv. A Church membership based upon acceptance of a recognized creed and belief and support of the Church.
- v. Various religious services pursuant to the recognized creed, form of worship, code of doctrine and discipline of the Church.
- vi. Schools for religious and educational instruction to the young and old
- vii. Child Care for religious, educational and social development to the young.

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(c) Minister the Word of God to the faithful.

(d) Promote and encourage, through the ministry of the organization cooperation with other organizations, ministering with the community.

(e) Acquire and hold such property, either real or personal, for Church purposes, as may be necessary for its membership and the worship of God.

2. As a means of accomplishing the above purposes and methods, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

(a) To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any purposes of the Corporation and its work.

(b) To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth.

(c) To acquire, own, lease, mortgage and dispose of property, both real and personal.

(d) To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.

(e) To acquire, hold, own, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of shares of the capital stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of other corporations, domestic, or foreign, as investments or otherwise, on carrying out any of the purposes of the Corporation and, while the owner thereof to exercise all right, power and privileges of ownership, including the power to vote thereon.

(f) To conduct and carry on religious services and instruction through the public media including electronic broadcasting, AM and FM radio, telecasting, microwave distribution, closed circuit transmission and cable and digital television.

(g) To spread the Word of the Gospel through seminars, establishment of Church literature, book stores and other forms of media for the purpose of educating the individual in the Word of God.

(h) To license, ordain, and set forth ministers, pastors, evangelists, missionaries, singers, and musicians in the ministry, providing training, religious advisement, religious counseling and education services necessary for the ministry, provided they are recommended by the Church's Pastor and complete a training program set forth of suggested by the Pastor.

(i) To affiliate with and establish churches and schools.

3. In conduct of the affairs of the Corporation:

(a) The property of the 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 distributed 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 it and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article.

(b) No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall it in any manner or to any extent participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; nor shall the Corporation engage in any activities that are unlawful under applicable federal, state or local laws.

(c) The Corporation shall not:

(i) operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit;

(ii) Accumulate income, invest income, or divert income, in a manner endangering its exempt status.

(iii) Except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

(d) The Corporation's operations are to be conducted principally in the United States of America; the Corporation also may conduct operations in foreign countries, subject however, to the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial street address of the principle office of the Corporation is: 5928 Gilliam Road, Orlando FL. 32818 and the mailing address of the principle office of the Corporation is: P. O. Box 457 Ocoee FL. 34761. The initial registered agent and office of the nonprofit corporation is: Mark Butler, 2826 Silkwood Circle Apt. 113, Orlando FL. 32818.

ARTICLE V MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Directors which shall be no less than three (3) and shall have no maximum number. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by a majority of the directors, but at no time shall there be fewer than three (3) directors of the Corporation. Contributions, donations, payment of tithes or other forms of offerings by members of the Corporation's church congregation shall not entitle any congregant to a vote on the Corporation's Board of Directors or membership status as a director. In the event of any Director to act, or in the event of death Director, the remaining Directors shall elect another Director, to fill the vacancy or vacancies, thus created. A new Director shall be elected by a majority vote of the total Directors.

ARTICLE VI INITIAL DIRECTORS

The provisions of the Bylaws of the Corporation shall govern the manner in which the Directors of the Corporation shall be elected or appointed. The names and street addresses of the initial directors of the Corporation are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Street Address</u>
Mark Butler	2826 Silkwood Circle Apt. 113 Orlando, FL 3281
Janella Butler	2826 Silkwood Circle Apt. 113 Orlando, FL 3281
Frank Murphy	2804 Wyndham Lane Orlando, Fl 32818
Michael Rashford	7103 Blair Drive Orlando, FL 3281

ARTICLE VII
CORPORATE NATURE

This Corporation is a religious corporation organized under a non-stock basis pursuant to Florida nonprofit law.

ARTICLE VIII
MEMBERS

The Corporation will have members that shall consist of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and shall be governed exclusively by its Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX
AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by a majority of the directors in the manner set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE X
INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Mark Butler
2826 Silkwood Circle Apt. 113
Orlando, FL, 32818

ARTICLE XI
MISCELLANEOUS

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any 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 an future United States internal revenue law) or,

(b) By a corporation, contribution to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law).

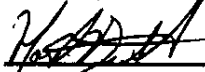
2. In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, or in the event it shall cease to carry out the objects and purposes herein set forth, all of the business, property and assets of the Corporation shall be distributed to a bible based religious nonprofit corporation qualifying as an organization exempted under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any super ceding statue thereof, as the Directors of the Corporation may select and designate; and in no event shall any of said assets or property, in the event of dissolution thereof, go or be distributed or contributed by such directors, for any other such purpose. Any such assets not so disposed shall be disposed of by the District Court of the County in which the principle office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization or organizations as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XII
DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

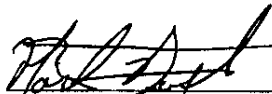
It is intended that Empowerment Christian Ministries, Inc., as an incorporated Church, shall currently be established and identified as a non-denominational, multiracial church, with no affiliation with any organization of like or similar denominational description. Therefore no other denominational organization shall have any power, control, or authority over the assets, property, and business affairs of this incorporated Church assembly. The Board of Directors and Pastor hereof shall at all times administer and control the assets, property and business affairs of this incorporated Church solely in accordance with (a) this Certificate of Incorporation; (b) the directions of a majority of the Board of Directors hereof; (c) the constitution, bylaws, rules or regulations which may be established by said board, provided same are not in conflict with this Certificate of Incorporation; (d) the laws of the State of South Carolina; and (e) the limitations/restrictions of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any futures denominational affiliation shall at all times be voluntary, and may be terminated by the vote of a two-thirds majority of a duly called and constituted meeting of the members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII

Executed on February 27, 2015, The name and address of the incorporator of this corporation shall be: Mark Butler (2826 Silkwood Circle Apt. 113, Orlando FL. 32818)

 (Signature)
Mark Butler

In Witness Wherefore, the undersigned, being the incorporator of this corporation, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 27TH day of February, 2015



Mark Butler, Incorporator

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Acceptance By Registered Agent

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the named corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performances of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations for my position as registered agent.

2/27/15
Date


Mark Butler