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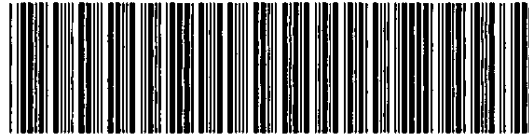
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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** Relevance Community, 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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☒ \$78.75  
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& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Jeffrey De Leon  
Name (Printed or typed)

13241 Griffin Drive  
Address

Fort Myers, FL 33913  
City, State & Zip

(239) 219-9217  
Daytime Telephone number

jeffreyddeleon@yahoo.com

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

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

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## **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

In compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes

### **Relevance Community, Inc.**

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation of such corporation:

#### **ARTICLE I NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of this corporation is Relevance Community, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II LOCATION**

The location of the corporation (the "congregation") shall be in the City of Fort Myers, County of Lee, State of Florida. The principal street address and mailing address of the congregation shall be 13241 Griffin Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33913.

#### **ARTICLE III FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES**

This organization is a non-denominational congregation, fully independent, completely autonomous and self-governing and will not affiliate with any organization which seeks to exercise control over the congregation. The congregation recognizes the following as the fundamental principles of doctrine: (a) The Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of God and the only rule for faith and life; (b) There exists only one true and living God, eternally existing in three Persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and having the same attributes and perfections; these execute distinct, but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption and; (c) we believe that Jesus Christ accomplished our complete redemption through His atoning death on the cross, when, acting as our representative, He substituted His life to pay the penalty for our sins and thus simultaneously satisfied both God's love and righteousness; a redemption made sure to us by His literal, physical resurrection from the dead on the third day.

#### **ARTICLE IV PURPOSES**

This organization is a nonprofit, ecclesiastical corporation organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) (the "Code").

The congregation shall not carry on any other activities except those permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code. This congregation has not been formed for pecuniary profit or gain. No part of the assets, income, or profit of the church shall inure to the benefit of its members, council members, or officers. However, the congregation shall be authorized to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article IV.

No substantial part of the activities of this church shall be for the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. This church shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of endorsements) any political campaign on behalf of any particular candidate for public office.

## **ARTICLE V CHURCH GOVERNANCE**

The ecclesiastical government of the congregation shall be conducted in accordance with the council of Relevance Community, as defined under the By-Laws, shall constitute the Team of Elders and shall have all powers over the temporalities of this congregation as the by-laws stipulate and relevant state law may prescribe.

Any persons elected to the office of Elder according to the by-laws and the pastor(s), if there be one or more, must be active participants (members) of the church. The corporate functions related to an office shall cease on the vacating of the office, but a vacancy in the office of the pastor(s) shall in no way affect the church or the Team of Elders.

No elder shall be personally liable to the church for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as an elder, except for: (a) any breach of the elder's duty of loyalty to the organization, (b) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (c) any transaction from which the elder directly or indirectly derived an improper personal benefit. If the Florida Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act hereafter is amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of elders, then the liability of an elder of the congregation, in addition to the limitation on personal liability provided herein, shall be further eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Florida Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act. Any repeal or modification of this Section shall be prospective only and shall not adversely affect any right or protection of an elder of the congregation existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

## **ARTICLE VI INITIAL ELDERS**

The names and addresses of those who will initially constitute the Team of Elders are:

David Carter  
12681 Eagle Pointe Circle  
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Jeffrey Collins  
11464 Waterford Village Court  
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Philip Schwartz  
9847 Weatherstone Place  
Fort Myers, FL 33913

Jeffrey De Leon  
3300 Pioneer 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Clewiston, FL 33440

## **ARTICLE VI PROPERTY**

### **A. Manner in Which Held.**

Except as expressly provided under this Article VI, all real and personal property shall be held exclusively in furtherance of the purposes of this congregation.

### **B. In the Event of Dissolution.**

In the event of the disbanding of this congregation and the dissolution of Relevance Community, Inc, the church's remaining assets, if any, after the payment of its debts and expenses, shall be conveyed as the Team of Elders may propose, subject to each of the following:

1. The Elders must approve the disbanding of this congregation and the dissolution of this corporation;
2. The Board of Trustees shall receive the advice of an external legal counsel in formulating its proposal for property distribution;
3. All remaining assets must be distributed only to one or more organizations which qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

## **ARTICLE VII BYLAWS**

The congregation of Relevance Community may, by its bylaws, make any other provisions or requirements for the arrangement or conduct of the organization's business or ministry.

## **ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS**

The Team of Elders may at any time, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Elders, adopt amendments to these Articles of Incorporation. Notwithstanding the preceding provision,

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the Board of Elders shall not adopt any amendments to these Articles of Incorporation which are inconsistent with the provisions of Articles III through VIII.

## **ARTICLE IX LIMITED LIABILITY**

The liability of a volunteer Elder of Relevance Community shall be limited, eliminated, or assumed to the extent as is authorized under the relevant laws of the state in which this church is formed, except to the extent such limitation, elimination, or assumption of liability is inconsistent with the status of the church as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or results in the imposition of tax under Section 4958 of the Code. No amendment or repeal of this Article shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any member of the Board of Trustees or officer of this church for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such trustee occurring prior to the effective date of any such amendment or repeal.

## **ARTICLE X TERM**

The term of this corporation is perpetual.

## **ARTICLE X REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Jeffrey De Leon  
3300 Pioneer 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Clewiston, FL 33440

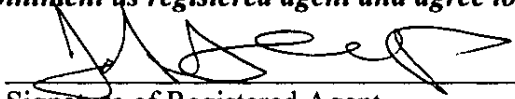
## **ARTICLE XI INCORPORATOR**

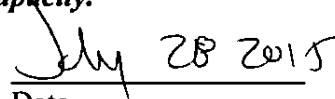
The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Jeffrey De Leon  
3300 Pioneer 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
Clewiston, FL 33440

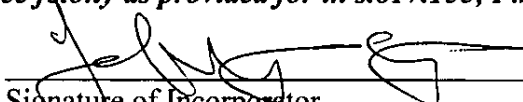
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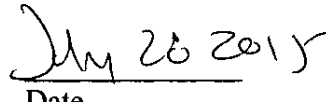
***Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.***

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Registered Agent

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***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.***

  
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Signature of Incorporator

  
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