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Department of State  
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**SUBJECT:** Revealing Truth Ministries Outreach Christian Center, 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:** Latasha Smith on behalf of Steven R. Smith  
Name (Printed or typed)

3001 S.W. College Road, PMB 111  
Address

Ocala, FL 34474  
City, State & Zip

678-387-7746  
Daytime Telephone number

Latashasmith16@gmail.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

January 7, 2016

LATASHA SMITH  
3001 SW COLLEGE ROAD PMB 111  
OCALA, FL 34474

SUBJECT: REVEALING TRUTH MINISTRIES OUTREACH CHRISTIAN  
CENTER, INC.  
Ref. Number: W1600000970

We have received your document for REVEALING TRUTH MINISTRIES  
OUTREACH CHRISTIAN CENTER, 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):

The name of the entity must be identical throughout the document.

You must list at least one incorporator with a complete business street address.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or  
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If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call  
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Tim Burch  
Regulatory Specialist II

Letter Number: 116A00000410

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
REVEALING TRUTH MINISTRIES OUTREACH CHRISTIAN CENTER, INC.**

The undersigned Corporation, Revealing Truth Ministries Outreach Christian Center, Inc., (the "Corporation") organized and existing under and by virtue of the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act (the "Act") for the purpose of adopting Articles of Incorporation, does hereby submit:

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be Revealing Truth Ministries Outreach Christian Center, Inc.

**ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL ADDRESS**

The address of the principal office of the Corporation is 3001 S.W. College Road, PMB 111, Ocala, FL 34474-4415.

**ARTICLE III. NONPROFIT CORPORATION**

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated under the Act and shall have all of the powers, duties, authorizations, and responsibilities as provided therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as an organization exempt from federal income tax and described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision or provisions of any subsequent United States Internal Revenue law or laws (the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986"). Upon dissolution, all of the Corporation's assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code and within the meaning of the Florida Tax Code, or any corresponding section of any future Florida 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 disposed of in the above described manner shall be disposed of by a court of appropriate jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located.

**ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE**

The Corporation is organized and shall operate exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation's purposes also include the limited participation of the Corporation in any other activities, including taxable activities, but only to the extent the activities would be permitted by a tax-exempt organization. More particularly, but without limitation, the purposes of this Corporation are:

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- a) In line with the Holy Scriptures to accomplish the goals of fulfilling the Great Commission as Christ instructed us: *“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:18-20 New American Standard Version).
  - b) To promote the Christian religion by any appropriate for of expression, within any available medium and in any location through the Corporation’s combined or separate formation of a church, ministry, charity, school, or eleemosynary institution.
  - c) To engage in charitable endeavors in the community while working alongside charitable and benevolent community outreach organizations.
  - d) To collect and disburse any and all necessary funds for the maintenance of said Corporation and the accomplishment of its purpose within the State of Florida and elsewhere.
  - e) To make distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
  - f) To spread the Gospel of Jesus by any lawful means possible.
  - g) To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations and by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by donation, contribution, bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease, or otherwise any property of any sort of nature, without limitation, as to its amount or value, and to hold, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate, or otherwise dispose of such property and the income, principal, proceeds of such property for any of the purposes set forth herein; and without the necessity of authorization or approval of any individual or entity whosoever save and except as provided in these Articles and the Bylaws of this Corporation.
  - h) To do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the Corporation or are necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.
  - i) To adhere to and propagate its statement of faith.

## **ARTICLE V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Plenary power to manage and govern the affairs of the Corporation is vested in the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The qualifications, duties, terms, and other matters relating to the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be provided in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors may vest management responsibility for selected matters in committees, officers, offices, and employees of the Corporation, as deemed appropriate from time to time.

The number of Directors shall not be less than three (3) nor more than seven (7) members, always keeping an odd number of Directors to prevent deadlock. The number of directors may be increased or decreased by the Board of Directors, by amending these Articles,

or by amending the Bylaws, any of which shall have the same effect. Directors shall be natural persons, but need not be residents of Florida. Pastor Steven Smith's term as Director is perpetual until he resigns, dies, or is removed for cause as laid out in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

The names and street addresses of the directors are:

1. Pastor Steven R. Smith  
3001 S.W. College Road, PMB 111  
Ocala, FL 34474
2. Latasha Smith  
3001 S.W. College Road, PMB 111  
Ocala, FL 34474
3. Loriann Fleming  
3249 NW 31<sup>st</sup> Terrace  
Oakland Park, FL 33309

Directors shall be natural persons, but need not be Florida residents.

#### **ARTICLE VI. POWERS**

Except as otherwise provided in these Articles of Incorporation, and in order to carry out the above-stated purposes, the Corporation shall have all the powers provided in the Act, as it now exists or as it may hereafter be amended. Moreover, the Corporation shall have all implied powers necessary and proper to carry out its express powers.

#### **ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP**

The Corporation will not have members.

#### **ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Corporation shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all assets of the Corporation to any organization designated by the Board of Directors of the Corporation that is exempt from taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and within the meaning of any applicable Florida tax code, or shall distribute to the federal government, or to a state or any local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of appropriate jurisdiction in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located exclusively for such purposes or to such organization, as said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## **ARTICLE IX. INTEGRATED AUXILIARY**

The Corporation is authorized to cover an unlimited number of integrated auxiliaries. The corporation shall have the power to elect and replace one (1) Director of each covered integrated auxiliary at its sole discretion.

## **ARTICLE X. RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

The powers of the Corporation to promote the purposes set out above are limited and restricted in the following manner:

- 1) The corporation shall not pay dividends or other corporate income to its directors or officers or otherwise accrue distributable profits or permit the realization of private gain, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to make payments and distributions (including reasonable compensation for services rendered to or for the Corporation) in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in these Articles. The Corporation shall have no power to take any action prohibited by the Act. The Corporation shall not have the power to engage in any other activities, except to an insubstantial degree, that are not in furtherance of the purposes set forth above. The requirements for a tax exemption under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and related regulations, rulings, and procedures. The Corporation shall have no power to take any action that would be inconsistent with the requirements for receiving tax-deductible charitable contributions under Internal Revenue Code Section 170(c)(2) and related regulations, rulings, and procedures. Regardless of any other provision in these Articles of Incorporation or state law, the Corporation shall have no power to:
  - a. Engage in activities or use its assets in manners that are not in furtherance of one or more exempt purposes as set forth above and defined by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings, and procedures, except to an insubstantial degree.
  - b. Serve a private interest other than one that is clearly incidental to an overriding public interest.
  - c. Devote more than an insubstantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, except as provided by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings, and procedures.
  - d. Participate in or intervene in any political campaign or on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. The prohibited activities include the publishing or distributing of statements and any other direct or indirect campaign activities.

- e. Have objectives that characterize it as an “action organization: as defined by the Internal Revenue Code and related regulations, rulings, and procedures.
  - f. Distribute its assets on dissolution other than for one or more exempt purposes.
  - g. Permit any part of the net earnings of the Corporation to inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or member of the Corporation or any private individual.
  - h. Carry on an unrelated trade or business except as a secondary purpose related the Corporation’s primary, exempt purposes.
  - i. Accept any gift or grant if the gift or grant contains major conditions that would restrict or violate any of the Corporations religious, charitable, or educational purposes or if the gift or grant would require service a private as opposed to a public interest.
- 2) In the event this Corporation is in any one year a “private foundation” as defined by Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, it shall be required to distribute its income for such taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, and shall be prohibited from: (i) any act of “self dealing” as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (ii) retaining any “excess business holdings” as defined by Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (iii) making investments in such manner as to subject the foundation to taxation under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; or Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (iv) making a taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

#### **ARTICLE XI. MANDATORY ARBITRATION**

In keeping with 1 Corinthians 6:1-8, all disputes which may arise (1) between any adherent and the Corporation itself, or (2) between any Pastor, officer, director, employee, volunteer, or agent of the Corporation shall be resolved in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure for Christian Conciliation, Institute for Christian Conciliation*. If



efforts to conciliate or mediate the dispute fail, then the matter shall be resolved through binding arbitration. The decision of the arbitrators shall be binding on both parties, and both parties submit themselves to the personal jurisdiction of the courts of Florida, both state and federal, for the entry of a judgment confirmation the arbitrators' award. Each party shall bear their own costs, including attorney's fees, related to any mediation, conciliation, or arbitration proceeding.

If a dispute may result in an award of monetary damages, then use of the conciliation, mediation, or arbitration procedure is conditioned on acceptance of the procedure by the liability arbitration award up to any applicable policy limits. The conciliation, mediation, or arbitration process is not a substitute for any disciplinary process set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation and shall in no way affect the authority of the Corporation to investigate reports of misconduct, conduct hearings, or administer discipline of employees and staff.

#### **ARTICLE XII. LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS**

A director is not liable to the Corporation or members for monetary damages for an act or omission in the director's capacity as a director except to the extent otherwise provided by a statute of the State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE XIII. DURATION**

The Corporation shall continue in perpetuity.


#### **ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENT**

These Articles may not be amended in any way without the approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members of the Board of Directors and filing with the Florida Secretary of State.

#### **ARTICLE XV. REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The name and address of the registered agent of the Corporation is Steven R. Smith, whose location and municipal address is 3001 S.W. College Road, PMB 111, Ocala, FL 34474-4415.

The Board of Directors may change the registered agent at its discretion.

  
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Pastor Steven R. Smith, Registered Agent

**ARTICLE XVI. INCORPORATOR SIGNATURE**

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the below named authorized corporate officer executes these Articles of Incorporation on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

The name and address of the incorporator is Steven R. Smith, whose location and municipal address is 3001 S.W. College Road, PMB 111, Ocala, FL 34474-4415.

*Steven R. Smith*

Pastor Steven R. Smith, Incorporator

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