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GOD'S WORKSHOP CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF**

**GOD'S WORKSHOP CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.,**

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

**ARTICLE I  
CORPORATE NAME**

The name of the corporation is:

**GOD'S WORKSHOP CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC.,**

**ARTICLE II  
CORPORATE ADDRESS**

The principle place of business and street address of the Corporation is:

10133 Paddock Oaks Drive  
Riverview, FL 33569

**ARTICLE III  
DURATION**

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE IV  
GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES**

**Section I - General Purpose**

GOD'S WORKSHOP CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES, INC., is a not-for-profit, non-denominational Christian organization, based in Pentecostalism. As a faith-based, community-oriented organization, we offer spiritual guidance and support, counseling, education, and social services to the public. Our mission is to reach the forgotten spiritual nature of man through the teaching of the Living Word of God by example, thus drawing man into a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This will be accomplished by meeting the needs of man as a whole (spirit, mind, and body) through counseling, education, healthcare facilities and social services in order to help man better cope with personal and social issues as he becomes aware of his true and Godly purpose in life.

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It is a Christian organization who ministers to all persons helping them worship God, have fellowship, food, shelter, pre-school, children and adult education and instruction in the love of Jesus Christ. We are a community focused on preaching the word of God while also providing teaching material for pastors, churches, fellowship groups and conduct seminars to help strengthen the Body of Jesus Christ here and Missions Activity and Christian work around the world. Said activities may be in person, print, internet, radio, television and all other means available.

Said corporation will govern itself and conduct its own affairs according to the New Testament Scriptures. This right shall include such matters as the hiring of the pastor and employees, election of the Board of Directors and officers, the acceptance and discipline of its members, the conduct of its own services, performance of weddings and funerals, if it chooses to do so, usage of church facilities, church program(s) and all business matters.

Said corporation will establish and maintain a place of worship of Almighty God, our Heavenly Father; to provide Christian fellowship for those of like precious faith, where the Holy Spirit may be honored according to our distinctive testimony.

## **Section II – Internal Revenue Service**

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 IV hereof.

No 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 or in opposition to 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 an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code, or
- (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

## **ARTICLE V AFFILIATION**

While maintaining its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of its own affairs as herein set forth, the Church voluntarily commits to enter into fellowship and partnership with like-minded and charged organizations as it sees fit or is necessary to accomplish its mission. We shall initially incorporate as a nondenominational Church. Future denominational alignment shall undergo approval by a simple majority from registered members of the Church.

## **ARTICLE VI OUR DOCTRINE**

We believe in the following:

- A Triune God, consisting of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Three persons, one Godhead (Matthew 28:19);
- Salvation being defined as accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior (John 14:6; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; John 19:30);
- That there are good and evil spiritual forces governing heaven and earth and that it is our responsibility as Christians to combat the evil principalities and powers by engaging in active spiritual warfare through prayer, supplication, fasting, consecration, evangelistic activities, physical action, advocacy, and social change (Ephesians 6:12-17; Romans 13:12-14);
- Fellowship with other believers (Matthew 18:20; Ephesians 4:11-16);
- Water Baptism (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15-16);
- The Lord's Supper being held at on the 1<sup>st</sup> week of every month (1 Corinthians 11:17-24);
- Baptism in The Holy Ghost (The Holy Spirit), with the manifestation of such through speaking in tongues (Mark 1:8; Acts 2:4);
- Membership, depending on behavior being consistent with doctrine (John 8:31);
- Tithing (2 Corinthians 9:7; Genesis 14:20; Malachi 3:8; Luke 18:21);
- God's establishment of marriage as a lifelong, exclusive relationship between one original gender male and one original gender female and that all intimate sexual activity outside the marriage relationship, whether

heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise, is immoral and therefore sin (Genesis 2:24-25; Exodus 20:14, 17, 22:19; Leviticus 18:22-23, 20:13, 15-16; Matthew 19:4-6, 9; Romans 1:18-31; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 15-20; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; Jude 7);

- God's creation of the human race as male and female and that all conduct with the intent to adopt a gender other than one's birth gender is immoral and therefore sin (Genesis 1:27; Deuteronomy 22:5).

## **ARTICLE VII PASTORAL CARE AND LEADERSHIP**

The Pastor shall be the spiritual leader of the church. This shall be a church that is pastor-led and subject to the apostolic authority of the Church Board of Directors as described herein. The Church Board of Directors of the Church shall act as the governing authority by providing spiritual guidance, setting its major policies, and exercising responsibility for its business and activities.

## **ARTICLE VIII MEMBERS**

Membership in the church shall be available to those persons who qualify according to the Holy Scripture and the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE IX CORPORATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

The board of directors and officers of the corporation shall be members in good standing and be persons of mature Christian experience and knowledge, who shall meet the requirements of Acts 6, 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. The manner in which the directors and officers are elected or appointed shall be set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws.

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified. The names and addresses of the first members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Miriam Soto-Burgos  
94-15 124<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Miramique Burgos-Rivera  
94-15 124<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

Juan A. Rivera  
94-15 124<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

The Board of Directors shall elect the following Officers: President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the Bylaws of the corporation may authorize the directors to elect from time to time.

The names and addresses of the initial Officers are as follows:

**President:**  
Miriam Soto-Burgos  
94-15 124<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

**Secretary:**  
Miramique Burgos-Rivera  
94-15 124<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

**Treasurer:**  
Juan A. Rivera  
94-15 124<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

#### **ARTICLE X DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the organization, none of its funds or assets shall be distributed to any officer, deacon, trustee, or any other individual. The church board shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the church, distribute funds and assets for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Any such funds or assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal 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 religious purpose.

**ARTICLE XI  
REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The corporation's registered agent and office is:

John P. Joseph, Esquire  
2429 Central Avenue  
Suite 201  
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

**ARTICLE XII  
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation:

Miriam Soto-Burgos  
94-15 124<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

**ARTICLE XIII: INDEMNIFICATION**

The Corporation shall indemnify any Director or Officer or former Director and Officer, against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him/her (legal fees or otherwise) or any amount paid in satisfaction of judgments in connection with any suit or proceeding, whether civil or criminal in nature, in which he/she is made a party by reason of being or having been such Director or Officer. No Director, Officer, or former Director and Officer is eligible for indemnification if he/she pleads guilty or is convicted of a crime associated with the church or its affiliates.

**ARTICLE XIV: DEBTS**

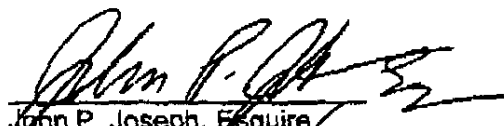
Neither the members nor the members of the Board of Directors or Officers of the Corporation shall be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE XV: AMENDMENT**

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in the Articles of Incorporation, or any amendments hereto, and to enact By-Laws, in manner now or hereafter prescribed by law and all rights conferred on Directors and Officers herein are granted subject to this reservation.

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.

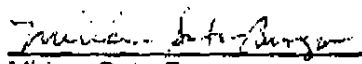
**Required Signature of Registered Agent:**

  
John P. Joseph, Esquire  
2429 Central Avenue  
Suite 201  
St. Petersburg, FL 33713  
**REGISTERED AGENT**

Date: June 6, 2016.

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:**

  
Miriam Soto-Burgos  
94-15 124<sup>th</sup> Street  
Richmond Hill, NY 11419

**INCORPORATOR**

DATE: June 6, 2016.

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