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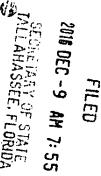
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Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

	ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED
FROM:	Vonie V. Austin-Jamas Name (Printed or typed)
	1582 S.W. Hutchins Street Address
	Port St. Luie, Florida, 34983 City, State & Zip
	918-630-3926 Daytime Telephone number
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

November 2, 2016

VONIE V. AUSTIN-JAMES 1582 S.W. HUTCINS STREET PORT ST. LUCIE, FL 34983

SUBJECT: WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES, INC.

Ref. Number: W16000074251

We have received your document for WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES, 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 Florida Statutes require an entity to designate a street address for its principal office address. A post office box is not acceptable for the principal office address. The entity may, however, designate a separate mailing address. The mailing address may be a post office box.

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.)

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

If your business entity does not intend to transact business until January 1st of the upcoming calendar year, you may wish to revise your document to include an effective date of January 1st. If you do not list an effective date of January 1st, your business entity will become effective this calendar year and it will be required to file an annual report and pay the required annual report fee for the upcoming calendar year this coming January, which is merely weeks away. By listing an effective date of January 1st, the entity's existence will not begin until January 1st of the upcoming year and will, therefore, postpone the entity's requirement to file an annual report and pay the required annual report filing fee until the following calendar year.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Valerie Herring Regulatory Specialist II New Filing Section

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ARTICLES OF INORPORATION

OF

WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES, INC.

The undersigned, bona fide resident of Port St. Lucie, Florida, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Laws of Port St. Lucie, Florida, hereby certify:

The Constitution herein enclosed are presented in accordance with the laws of Port St. Lucie, Florida and with sincere prayer to God that Women of Excellence International Ministries, Inc., will not allow itself to come under the bondage of any legalism as a result of its government but will see it as a tool that, if used properly, will result in our overall goals of operating in the peace and oneness of the Holy Spirit and the Great Commission.

<u>ARTILCE 1</u>

NAME

The name of this organization shall be Women of Excellence International Ministries, Inc., located at 1582 S.W. Hutchins Street, Port St. Lucie, Florida, 34983.

<u>ARTICLE II</u>

This corporation is a public benefit corporation.

ARTICLE III

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual.

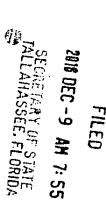
<u>ARTICLE IV</u>

RESIDENT AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

The place in Florida where resident agent and registered office of the corporation is located:

Vonie V. Austin-James 1582 S.W. Hutchins Street Port St. Lucie, Florida. 34983

I, hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent:



<u>ARTICLE V</u>

The name(s) and address (es) of each incorporator are:

Vonie Austin-James – 1582 SW Hutchins Street, Port St. Lucie, Florida. 34983

Janay McLemore - 1189 E. Platteville Blvd, Pueblo West, Colorado. 81007

Marcia Livingston – 1076 E. 131st Place, Glenpool, Oklahoma, 74033

Laura Charles – 6211 Yorktown Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136.

LaQuavian Eliacin – 1573 SW Dycus Ave, Port St. Lucie, Florida, 34953

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

This corporation has five members who will serve as directors and or secretary and treasurer. The directors/officers were elected by a majority of its members.

- 6.1 General. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of five directors who will serve as

 President, Vice-president, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers or
 assistant officers as may be deemed necessary by the Directors of the corporation.
- 6.2 <u>Meetings.</u> To hold quarterly meetings at such times and places as may be determined by the Director(s) of the corporation.
- 6.3 <u>Secretary.</u> The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings, shall keep the minutes of the proceedings and shall maintain the general records of the Corporation.
- 6.4 <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of proper financial books and records of the Corporation, and shall have custody of its funds and other assets.
- 6.5 Other Authority and Duties. Each officer, employee and agent of the Corporation shall have such other duties and authority as may be conferred upon him or her by the Director(s) of the Corporation or delegated to him or her by the Secretary.
- 6.6 <u>Removal.</u> Any Officer may be removed at any time by the Director(s) and such vacancy may be filled by the Director(s).

ARTICLE VII

DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation, exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to the such organization(s) organized and the time qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States International Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Any such 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(s) as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

FINANCES, DEPOSITORIES, SIGNATURES AND SEAL

- 7.1. <u>Finances</u>. The corporation shall derive financial support from donations and gifts from friends of the organization, grants, and offerings from conferences and workshops that will be held.
- 7.2 <u>Depositories</u>. All funds of the Corporation shall be deposited in the name of the corporation in such bank, banks, or other financial institutions as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, designate and shall be drawn out on checks, drafts or other orders signed on behalf of the Corporation by such persons or persons as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.
- 7.3 Execution of Legal Instruments. All contracts, deeds and other instruments shall be signed on behalf of the Corporation by the Secretary or by such other officer, officers, agent or agents as the Board of Directors may from time to time provide.
- 7.4 <u>Seal</u>. The Seal of the Corporation shall be as follows:

Women of Excellence International Ministries, Inc.

ARTICLE VIII

PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of which this organization is formed are exclusively charitable, religious, and educational for the benefit of the public and consist of the following:

A. To impact saved and unsaved persons to produce the spirit of excellence in every person that is touch through this ministry.

- B. To provide opportunities for women, as individuals and in groups that they may grow in the knowledge of Christ through prayer, Bible Study, conferences, outreaches, counseling and networking.
- C. To provide resources so these women will continue to achieve economic prosperity. To promote leadership and professionalism that the women may serve their community, and to experience the spiritual call of God in their lives.
- D. To build retreat houses and transitional houses that will help to proactively influence and minister to the people and encourage, strengthen and challenge them in their roles as friends, spouses, prayer warriors and able ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- E. This corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes and to engage in any other activities not specifically prohibited to non-profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida and to organizations qualifying for tax exemption under the Internal Revenue Code.

F. Legislative or Political Activities:

This corporation is not organized for a pecuniary profit. 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.

Operational Limitations:

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 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

- G. The corporation may exercise any and all powers generally granted Non-Profit Corporations under the laws of Port St. Lucie, Florida.
- H. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations or any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms associations, trust, institutions, foundations or governmental bureaus departments or agencies.
- I. Notwithstanding the designated purposes of the Corporation, all services shall be provided and all activities of the Corporation shall be conducted in a manner which is free from discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual preference, national origin, age, handicap and familial status.

Inurement of Income: 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.

<u>ARTICLE IX</u>

Institution of Marriage

- 9:1 We, the members of Women of Excellence International Ministries, Inc., believe that the only legitimate and recognizable marriage is the joining of one man and one woman as biologically designed at birth, until their parting by death as stated in, (Genesis 2:24; Romans 7: 2; 1 Corinthians 9:2: Ephesians 5: 22-23). Therefore, this ministry will not recognize same-sex marriages/weddings ceremonies but will recognize marriages/weddings for one man and one woman as biologically designed by birth based on our First Amendment guarantee of religious freedom, and on any and all exemptions granted to us under Federal and State Laws.
- 9.2: Furthermore, Women of Excellence International Ministries Inc., will not allow same-sex marriages/weddings to be conducted in its buildings or on its grounds. Nor will the ministry allow members, non-members and non-attendees and or outsiders to rent and or use any of the ministry facilities for same sex marriages/weddings and or any civil ceremonies related to same sex marriage.
- 9.3: Be it further understood that same-sex marriages/weddings for members or non-members performed anywhere else will not be recognized or considered valid by this ministry.
- 9.3: Should any director or member of this ministry engage in such a union, they will be subject to all the terms outlined in our By-laws pertaining to ministry discipline. Every possible measure will be taken to lovingly restore the offending member (s) back to fellowship with the Lord and the ministry.
- 9.4: Should Women of Excellence International Ministries, Inc., board of directors and/or ordained ministries is ever legally forced to perform same sex weddings/marriages, all clergy in this ministry will opt out of performing civil ceremonies and will only perform biblically based "covenant ceremonies" that bless the union between one man and one woman as biologically defined by their natural birth.
- 9.5: If the courts should ever override Women of Excellence International Ministries Inc., bylaws then the only alternative left will be for biblically based clergy to engage in civil disobedience and refuse to comply with the law-irrespective of the penalties, consequences, and cultural stigma they will receive.

In a clarifying statement at the conclusion of the written opinion regarding same sex marriages, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy made it clear that the ruling did not forbid churches/miniseries from continuing to oppose the idea of homosexual marriages. He stated, "Finally, it must be recognized that religions, and those who adhere to religious doctrines, may continue to advocate with utmost and sincere conviction by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned. The First Amendment ensures that religious organizations and persons are given

proper protection as they seek to teach the principles that are fulfilling and so central to their lives and faiths, and to their own deep aspirations to continue the family structure they have long revered."

ARTICLE X

The effective date of this document is the date it is filed by the Secretary of State of Florida.
January 12017
Date 3
In Affirmation thereof, the facts stated above are true and correct: (The undersigned understands that false statements made in this filing are subject to the penalties provide under Section 68.081-68.092 of Florida False Claims Act).
Signatures of Incorporator, Board Members and Officer
Vonie Austin-James Vonie Questin James
Janay McLemore Danay E. Malamore
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