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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**OF** 

### JERICHO ROAD LEGAL SERVICE MINISTRY, INC.

In compliance with the requirements of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes (the "Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act") and Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including its Treasury Regulations, all as amended from time to time ("Internal Revenue Code"), the undersigned serves as Incorporator for the purpose of forming a Florida corporation not for profit and certifies:

#### ARTICLE 1 NAME

The name of this corporation is JERICHO ROAD LEGAL SERVICE MINISTRY, INC. (the "Corporation").

# ARTICLE 2 PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The initial principal place of business and the initial mailing address of the Corporation is 2220 County Road 210 West, Suite 108-407, Jacksonville, FL 32259.

# ARTICLE 3 REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation, which is authorized to receive service of process, is CORPORATE CREATIONS NETWORK, INC. The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 11380 Prosperity Farms Rd #221E, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410.

# ARTICLE 4 PURPOSES

- 41 General Purposes. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- **42** Specific Purpose. The specific purposes for which the Corporation is formed are as follows:
- (a) To provide faith-focused legal services to low and moderate income individuals and coordinate such services with other religious organizations, churches, and charitable organizations.

(b) To support churches and other religious organizations and their charitable activities, including, without limitation, charitable activities focused on the legal needs of moderate to low income individuals.

### ARTICLE 5 POWERS

In furtherance of the purposes described in Article 4 above, the Corporation is authorized:

- (a) To promote, support, and engage in activities carried on for charitable purposes, by the direct conduct of such activities, and by making grants to other organizations engaged in charitable activities.
- (b) To receive and maintain personal or real property, or both; and, subject to the restrictions and limitations set forth below, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income from such property and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, educational, literary, or scientific purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (c) To receive assistance, money (as dues or otherwise), real or personal property and any other form of contributions, gift, bequest, or devise from any person or entity, to be used in the furtherance of the objects and purposes of the Corporation; to enter into agreements or contracts for contributions to the Corporation for its objects and purposes, provided that gifts will be subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors as required by the Bylaws of the Corporation.
- (d) To establish an office and employ such assistance and clerical personnel as may be necessary and proper in the judgment of the Board of Directors, and pay reasonable compensation for the services of such persons.
- (e) To distribute, in the manner, form, and method, and by the means determined by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, any and all forms of contributions or other funds received by it in carrying out charitable and educational programs of the Corporation in the furtherance of its stated purposes. Money and real or personal property contributed to the Corporation in furtherance of these objects and purposes are and will continue to be used exclusively for such purposes.
- (f) To invest and reinvest surplus funds in such securities and properties as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.
- (g) To purchase, acquire, own, hold, guarantee, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, loan, or otherwise dispose of and deal in any bonds, securities, evidence of indebtedness, or other personal property, as well as to purchase, acquire, own, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of and deal in real estate; and, as the owner of any such real or personal property, to exercise all the rights, powers, and privileges of ownership.

- (h) To contract and be contracted with, and to sue and be sued.
- (i) To adopt and use an official seal for the Corporation pursuant to Section 617.0302(3) of the Florida Statutes.
- (j) To do all acts and things necessary, proper, and desirable to carry out and further the objects for which this Corporation is formed; and, in general, to have all the rights, privileges, and immunities, and enjoy all the benefits of the laws of Florida applicable to corporations not for profit under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, including but not limited to the powers described in Section 617.0302 of the Florida Statutes.

Despite the foregoing, all powers and activities of the Corporation and its Board of Directors are limited by and subject to the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and to the other limitations provided in these Articles of Incorporation.

# ARTICLE 6 MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall not have members.

## ARTICLE 7 DIRECTORS

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Directors. The number and method of election or appointment of Directors (not less than three) shall be fixed and governed by the Bylaws.

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

Sarah R. Sulliavan 2220 Country Road 210 West Suite 108-407 St. Johns, FL 32259

Susan King 850 6th Ave S Suite 400 Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Sandra Mathis Riverplace Tower 1301 Riverplace Blvd Suite 1500 Jacksonville, FL 32207 K. Beth Luna 707 Peninsular Pl Suite 200 Jacksonville, FL 32204

The terms for which the Directors are to serve and the method by which the Directors are to be elected will be stated in the Bylaws.

# ARTICLE 8 DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' COMPENSATION AND INDEMNIFICATION

- 81 Compensation. A Director or officer of the Corporation may receive reasonable compensation for personal services rendered as a Director or officer or in any other capacity, so long as the services are reasonable and necessary to carrying out the charitable purposes of the Corporation, and may be reimbursed for expenses or advances made for the Corporation that are reasonable in character and amount and approved for payment in the manner provided by the Bylaws.
- 82 Indemnification. Every Director and officer of the Corporation will be indemnified by the Corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including attorneys' fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed in connection with any proceeding or any settlement of any proceeding (including any appeals) to which a Director or officer may be a party or may become involved by reason of being or having been a Director or officer of the Corporation, whether or not a Director or officer at the time such expenses are incurred, but only if (i) the Director or officer is not adjudged guilty of or liable for willful misfeasance in the performance of his or her duties, and (ii) in the case of a settlement before entry of judgment, the Board of Directors approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the Corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification will be in addition to and not exclusive of all other rights to which a Director or officer may be entitled by law. Appropriate liability insurance may be provided for every officer, Director, and agent of the Corporation in amounts determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- 83 Interest of Directors and Officers in Contracts. Any contract, whether for compensation or otherwise, or other transactions between the Corporation and (i) one or more of its Directors or officers, (ii) any firm of which one or more of its Directors or officers are shareholders, partners or employees, or in which they are interested, or (iii) any corporation, association, or partnership of which one or more of its Directors or officers are shareholders, members, Directors, officers, partners, or employees, or in which they are interested, will be valid for all purposes, despite the presence of such Director or Directors, officer, or officers at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation which acts upon or in reference to such contract or transaction and despite his, her, or their participation in such action. The fact of such interest must be disclosed to or known by the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors may, nevertheless, authorize, approve, and ratify such contract or transaction by vote of majority of the Directors present. This section will not be construed to invalidate any contract or other transaction which would otherwise be valid under the common and statutory law applicable thereto. This provision is subject to modification by any conflict of interest policy adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE 9 CHARITABLE LIMITATIONS

Despite any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation may not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization

exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 617.0835 of the Florida Statutes. These restrictions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 9.1 No Private Inurement. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation may inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, the Directors or officers of the Corporation, or to any other private persons, except that the Corporation is authorized and empowered (i) to pay reasonable compensation for personal services rendered to the Corporation, so long as the services are reasonable and necessary to carrying out the charitable purposes of the Corporation, and to reimburse expenses or advances made for the Corporation that are reasonable in character and amount, and (ii) to make payments and distributions to persons who are qualified to receive them in furtherance of the Corporation's charitable purposes as set forth herein. All of the net earnings and assets of the Corporation will be expended for the purposes stated in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- 9.2 No Propaganda. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation will be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; and the Corporation may not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- 9.3 Private Foundation Rules. In the event that, and for so long as, the Corporation is characterized as a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, the Corporation:
- (a) shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (b) shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (c) shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- (d) shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and
- (e) shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE 10 DURATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation shall exist perpetually.

# ARTICLE 11 DISSOLUTION AND DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

If the Corporation is dissolved pursuant to the Florida Statutes, the Board of Directors, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, shall dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation by transferring such assets to organizations that are exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are engaged in activities of the type described in Article 4 above, as the Board of Directors determines. Any 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 charitable purposes, or to such organization or organizations as that court determines are organized and operated exclusively for such charitable purposes.

### ARTICLE 12 BYLAWS

The Bylaws of this Corporation shall be adopted by the Incorporator on behalf of the Corporation and may be altered, amended, or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this Corporation under the laws of Florida, the undersigned, constituting the Incorporator of this Corporation, executed these Articles of Incorporation on February 2, 2017.

JERICHO ROAD LEGAL SERVICE MINISTRY, INC.

By: Jason E. Havens Its: Incorporator

Address of Incorporator:

Jason E. Havens Holland & Knight LLP 50 N Laura St. Ste 3900 Jacksonville, FL 32202

#### ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Carporate Creations Network, Inc. agrees to act as registered agent for the Company named above, to accept service of process at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, and to comply with the provisions of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, and acknowledges that it is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of such position.

Date: Feb 2, .2017

CORPORATE CREATIONS NETWORK, INC.

Jim Perkins, Vice President