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January 19, 2022

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

#### Dear Sirs:

Enclosed, please find an original and one (1) copy of the *Articles of Incorporation* for **Leading to the Truth Ministry, Inc.** and a check for \$87.50 (Eighty seven dollars and Fifty cents) as payment for the Filing Fee, Certified Copy and Certificate of Incorporation.

Please expedite the Certificate of Incorporation to the following address: Kenneth Lamar Stephens, Sr., 3367 NW 17 Street, Lauderhill, Florida 33311.

Sincerely,

Diana Broadbelt, Incorporator

### **Articles of Incorporation**

of

## Leading to the Truth Ministry, Inc.

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THE UNDERSIGNED, as incorporator and on behalf of a not-for-profit, non-stock corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I NAME

<u>Section 1.1.</u> The name of the Corporation shall be Leading to the Truth Ministry, Inc., (the "Corporation").

## ARTICLE II ADDRESS

Section 2.1. The Street Address of the principal office of this corporation in the State of Florida shall be:

3367 NW 17<sup>TH</sup> Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311

The Board may, from time to time, move its principal office in The State of Florida to another place in this State.

#### ARTICLE III NON-STOCK CORPORATION

<u>Section 3.1.</u> The Corporation shall be organized on a non-stock basis under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act and may not issue certificates of Membership.

#### ARTICLE IV PURPOSE

Section 4.1. The purpose for which the Corporation is organized is for transacting any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act. The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, literary or scientific purposes, including, to distribute the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof

exclusively for charitable, religious, 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 and Regulations issued pursuant thereto, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

Section 4.2. Leading to the Truth Ministry, Inc. is organized for the specific purpose of a church. We are a faith-based organization and our teachings are bible based. Our activities includes preaching and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, operating a Mens' Ministry, Womens' Ministry. Childrens' Ministry, Ministry School, Study or Advance Religion Study or Training Center, Day Care Center, Low Income Assistance Day Care Center, Day Care Center & Education Center, Transportation, Christian Education Learning Centers (0-12), Food Pantry Center, Food Kitchen Center, Outreach Center and Clothing Pantry Center.

In addition, we will conduct weddings, funerals, baptisms, counseling, baby dedications, banquet center, family, women, and teenagers in distress shelter, veterans housing shelter, homeless shelter, foster care and elderly assistance. We will also conduct conventions, seminaries, revivals, Christian book store, religious broadcasting, virtual conferences, virtual learning, webinars, mentoring programs, missions work (USA & International), prayer call center, ministry transportation, elderly transportation, etc. Also, to help lessen the burden of government.

Section 4.3. The Corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, wither alone on in conjunction or cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, suitable, desirable or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which a Corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further accomplish, foster or attain any such purposes. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations set forth in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the regulations thereunder as the same now exist or as they may be hereinafter from time to time.

## ARTICLE V LIMITATIONS

- Section 5.1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any Director or Officer of the Corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes); and no Director or Officer of the Corporation or any other private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.
- <u>Section 5.2.</u> 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 or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- Section 5.3. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such

manners not to become subject to tax undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

- Section 5.4. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- Section 5.5. The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943© of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- Section 5.6. The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- <u>Section 5.7.</u> The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- Section 5.8. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall 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 Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) Internal Revenue Code and said Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

### ARTICLE VI DURATION

Section 6.1. The Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved pursuant to law.

## ARTICLE VII MEMBERS

<u>Section 7.1.</u> This Corporation shall have a membership consisting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation serving from time to time.

## ARTICLE VIII DIRECTORS

Section 8.1. The affairs of the Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), subject to the restriction that, except as specifically set forth to the contrary in the Bylaws, the exercise of any powers or actions of the Board shall require the approval thereof by a majority vote of the Board present at a meeting at which a quorum of no less than three (3) Directors are present. The affirmative vote of at least two (2) Directors shall be necessary for all corporate action

requiring a vote of the Board, including, but not limited to the following:

- 8.1.1. Approval of charitable gifts, transfers, distributions and grants by the Corporation to other entities.
  - 8.1.2. Adoption of an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws.
  - 8.1.3. Organization of a subsidiary or affiliate by the Corporation.
- 8.1.4. Approval of any merger, consolidation or sale or other transfer of all or a substantial part of the assets of the Corporation.

<u>Section 8.2.</u> The initial Board of Directors shall consist of the following members elected in accordance with this Section 8.2 and the Bylaws:

NAME TITLE ADDRESS

DIRECTOR/OFFICER		
NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS
KENNETH LAMAR		3367 NW 17th STREET
STEPHENS SR.	PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR	LAUDERHILL. FLA 33311
ANNA RUTH		
LAWTON-	VICE PRESIDENT /	3367 NW 17 <sup>TH</sup> STREET
STEPHENS	DIRECTOR	LAUDERHILL, FLA 33311
ANGELA		3367 NW 17 <sup>TH</sup> STREET
STEPHENS	SECRETARY/DIRECTOR	LAUDERHILL, FLA 33311
CHRISTOPHER		3367 NW 17 <sup>fH</sup> STREET
STEPHENS	DIRECTOR	LAUDERHILL, FLA 33311
FRENDA		3361 NW 17 <sup>TH</sup> STREET
BYNES	TREASURER/DIRECTOR	LADERHILL, FLA 33311

Section 8.3. The term of office of an elected Director shall be one (1) year and shall expire, regardless of whether or not a successor shall have been duly elected and qualified. However, the term of the Chairwoman is ten (10) years. The terms of elected Directors shall be staggered so that no elected Director's term expires less than one (1) month before the expiration of the next elected Director.

## ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION

<u>Section 9.1.</u> 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 manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, literary or scientific purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court having proper jurisdiction in the country where 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 purposes.

## ARTICLE X REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

Section 10.1. The Registered agent and registered office of the Corporation shall be:

Kenneth Lamar Stephens, Sr. 3367 NW 17 Street Lauderhill, Florida 33311

## ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT

<u>Section 11.1.</u> These <u>Articles</u> of Incorporation may be amended in the manner and with the vote provided by law.

#### ARTICLE XII <u>BYLAWS</u>

Section 12.1. The Board of Directors of this Corporation shall adopt Bylaws for the government of the Corporation which shall be subordinate only to the Articles of Incorporation and the laws of the United States and the State of Florida. The Bylaws may be amended from time to time by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XIII INCORPORATOR

Section 13.1. The name and address of the Incorporator of this Corporation are as follows:

Diana Broadbelt 468 NW 207 Street, #107 Miami Gardens, Florida 33169 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2022.

INCORPORATOR

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## CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In pursuance of Section 48.091 and Section 607.0501(3), Florida Statues, the following is submitted in compliance with said Sections:

Leading to the Truth Ministry, Inc., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principle office as indicated in the Certificate of Incorporation, at the City of Fort Lauderdale, County of Broward, State of Florida, has named Kenneth Lamar Stephens, Sr. located at 3367 NW 17 Street. Lauderhill, Florida 33311as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-named corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Sections relating to keeping open said office.

Registered Agent Samuell Stephens SR

Date 0//9/2002