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### FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION

Venus Community Church, Inc.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
VENUS COMMUNITY CHURCH, INC.  
(a Florida non-profit corporation)**

The undersigned incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this corporation is **VENUS COMMUNITY CHURCH, INC.**

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSES AND POWERS**

The purposes and powers of the corporation are:

1. To provide ministries through a Christ based organization to persons in Florida.
2. To own, rent, lease, operate and maintain sufficient real and personal property to carry out the purposes herein above expressed.
3. To receive donations, gifts, or bequests of money or other property, and to accept the same, subject to such conditions or trusts as may be attached thereto, and to obligate itself to perform and execute, and to perform and execute any and all such conditions or trusts.
4. To contract debts and to borrow money, to issue notes and other evidences of indebtedness.
5. To do everything necessary, proper, advisable, or convenient for the accomplishment of the purposes or powers set forth in this article, and to do all other things incidental thereto or connected therewith, which are not forbidden by law or these articles of incorporation.
6. To carry out any of the purposes or powers set forth in this article in any state, territory, district, or possession of the United States of America, or in any foreign country, to the extent that such purposes are not forbidden by the law of such place.
7. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes and will not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as amended from time to time, (b) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as amended. This corporation shall not engage in the prohibited activities or the accumulation of income set forth in Section 508(e) or any other section of the United States Internal Revenue

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Code, as amended. This corporation shall not be involved in prohibited financial transactions with disqualified persons (acts of self-dealing) per restrictions set forth in Section 494 and other provisions of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

8. The purposes or powers set forth in this article are not in limitation of the general powers conferred by the non-profit corporation law of the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE III. NON-STOCK CORPORATION

The corporation shall issue no stock and no dividends or pecuniary profits shall be declared or paid to the members hereof.

### ARTICLE IV. TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation is to exist perpetually and be effective as of the date of filing of these Articles.

### ARTICLE V. ADDRESS

The street address of the principal office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 962 CR 731, Venus, FL 33960. The mailing address of the corporation is 962 CR 731, Venus, FL 33960. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principal office to any other address in Florida, and may establish branch offices in such other place or places as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers of this corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall manage the affairs of the corporation and shall be elected by the Board of Directors as stated in the Bylaws of the corporation. Such officers may be members of the Board of Directors. Such officers shall serve for two (2) year terms, the will of the Board of Directors, and may succeed themselves for an unlimited number of two (2) year terms. The initial officers are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	OFFICE
Steven Irving	43 Gobbel Road Venus, FL 33960	President
James Sills	533 New Boot Heel Road Venus, FL 33960	Vice President
Barbara Pearce	126 Robbins Road Venus, FL 33960	Secretary-Treasurer

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## ARTICLE VII. DIRECTORS

The corporation shall be managed by a board of not less than five (5) directors. The Directors shall be elected as stated in the Bylaws of the corporation. The initial Directors who are to serve until they resign or are removed are as follows:

James Sills  
533 New Boot Heel Road  
Venus, FL 33960

Steven Irving  
43 Gobbel Road  
Venus, FL 33960

Paul Albritton  
172 Lott Grade  
Venus, FL 33960

Clarice Lott  
P.O. Box 418  
Venus, FL 33960

Byron Miesse  
3050 Morning Glory Drive  
Lake Placid, FL 33852

## ARTICLE VIII. INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is Clarice Lott, P.O. Box 418, Venus, FL 33960.

## ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT

These articles may be amended by a majority vote of the Directors.

## ARTICLE X. NON-PROFIT CHARACTER

1. Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

2. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable 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 and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be 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. 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an

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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.

3. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed 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, 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 shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the country in which the principal office of the organization 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 XI. BYLAWS

The Bylaws of this corporation shall be adopted by the Directors at their first meeting and may be altered, amended or repealed by the Directors.

#### ARTICLE XII. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all persons who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, are willing to follow Him as He commanded in the Bible, have been baptized for the remission of their sins according to the scriptures, have expressed a desire to become a member, have otherwise complied with the requirements of membership set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation and who have been approved by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE XIII. REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The corporation hereby designates as its registered office 425 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, FL 33870, and its registered agent, Thomas J. Wohl, who is located at the same address for service of process.

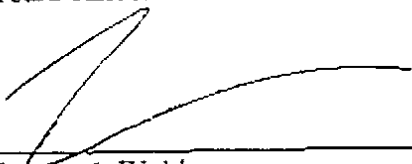
The undersigned subscriber has hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of November, 2023, for the purpose of forming this non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, and hereby make and file in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation, and certify that the facts herein stated are true.

  
CLARICE LOTT

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Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.



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Thomas J. Wohl  
Registered Agent