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Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing are the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Forward Ministries, Inc. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$70.00 representing:

> Filing Fees \$35.00 Registered Agent Fees _35,00

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\$70.00

Please return a file-stamped copy of the Articles of poration to me after filing. Incorporation to me after filing.

Very truly yours,

Dennis L. Blackburn

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR FORWARD MINISTRIES, INC.

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation pursuant to chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be FORWARD MINISTRIES, INC.

ARTICLE II - INITIAL PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The street address of the initial principal office and the mailing address of this corporation shall be 15501 Bruce B. Downs, #1202, Tampa, Florida 33647.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The purposes for which this Corporation is organized are:

- (a) To exist and operate solely for religious, educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code");
- (b) To use any income not needed for operating expenses and suitable reserves to carry out the activities described in paragraph (a) for a broad segment of the community;
- (c) To carry out its functions such that no substantial part of this Corporation's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this 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;
- (d) To have and exercise all powers of any corporation not for profit as the same now exist, or may hereafter exist under the laws of the State of Florida. No part of the assets, income, or profits of this Corporation shall be distributable to, or inure to the benefit of, its members, directors or officers or any private individual, except that this Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purposes set forth herein;
- (e) To solicit and receive by gift, bequest, devise or in any other manner, money, assistance, and any other form of

contributions, whether real, personal, or mixed property, or of services, from any person, firm or corporation; to take, hold, and manage any real, personal, or mixed property conveyed to this Corporation, and to use the income and principal for the purposes of this Corporation; to execute trusts, establish endowment funds, and to form or cause to be formed any other corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, or under the laws of any other state or country for the purposes of promoting or accomplishing any or all of the objects for which this Corporation is organized; to lease or purchase such real, personal, or mixed property as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of this Corporation; to mortgage or otherwise encumber any of its property or to sell, convey or donate the same; to permit the use of any of its property for educational, charitable, benevolent or other lawful purposes; to contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, and invest and reinvest the funds of this Corporation; and to do all acts and things requisite, necessary, proper, or desirable to carry out and further the purposes for which this Corporation is formed; and

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, this Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code.

ARTICLE IV - DISSOLUTION ON LIQUIDATION

In the event of dissolution of this Corporation or the winding up of its affairs, or other liquidation of its assets, this Corporation's property shall not be conveyed to any organization created or operated for profit or to any individual, and all assets remaining after the payment of the Corporation's debts shall be conveyed or distributed at the direction of the then Directors of this Corporation to such other organization or organizations that are exempt from federal income tax under Sections 501(c)(3) of the Code and that are created and operated for nonprofit purposes similar to those of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS AND THE MANNER OF THEIR ELECTION

The Board of Directors shall consist of at least three (3) but not more than fifteen (15) members or such other number as hereafter required by Section 617.0803, Florida Statutes, or any subsequent statute regarding the number of directors of a not for profit corporation. The initial members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Incorporator to serve until the first annual meeting of the Corporation. Subsequently, the method of election shall be as stated in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VI- INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and the street address of the initial registered agent is Dennis L. Blackburn, c/o 1800 First Union National Bank Tower, 225 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator for these Articles of Incorporation is Dennis L. Blackburn, 225 Water Street, Suite 1800, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 6th day of January, 1995.

Dennis L. Blackburn, Incorporator

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REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE 95 JAN -9 PM 5: 56

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.680M/RYFlorida Statutes, Forward Ministries, Inc., organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

- 1. The name of the corporation is FORWARD MINISTRIES, INC.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is Dennis L. Blackburn, 1800 First Union National Bank Tower, 225 Water Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32202.

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, DENNIS L. BLACKBURN HEREBY ACCEPTS THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREES TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. DENNIS L. BLACKBURN FURTHER AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES, AND IS FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPTS THE OBLIGATIONS OF HIS POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

DENNIS L. BLACKBURN

Date: January 6, 1995

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FORWARD MINISTRIES, INC.

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617,1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation.				
Article III (d) (the first sentence) "To have and exercise all powers of any corporation not for profit as the same now exist, or may hereafter exist under the laws of the State of Florida"				
Please Amended to read:				
Article III (d) (first sentence) "Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.)"				
The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was:				
Adoption of Amendment (CHECK ONE)				
The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.				
There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was(were) adopted by the board of directors.				

FORWARD MINISTRIES, INC.

Corporation Name

Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer

Dr. Leon yanRooyen
Typed or printed name