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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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LIGHTS TO THE NATIONS MINISTRY, INC.
A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING ARTICUES OF INCORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING A NONPROFIT CORPORATION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

ARTICLE I - NAME

THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE LIGHTS TO THE NATIONS MINISTRY, INC.

ARTICLE II - STATEMENT OF CORPORATE NATURE

THIS IS A NONPROFIT CORPORATION ORGANIZED SOLELY FOR GENERAL RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES PURSUANT TO THE FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

THE SPECIFIC AND PRIMARY PURPOSES FOR WHICH THIS CORPORATION IS FORMED ARE TO OPERATE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF RELIGION AND FOR OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES, BY THE DISTRIBUTION OF ITS FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES AND PARTICULARLY TO PROVIDE PASTORAL AND EVANGELISTIC SERVICES PRINCIPALLY TO BRAZILIAN PEOPLE IN SOUTH FLORIDA.

THE GENERAL PURPOSE FOR WHICH THIS CORPORATION IS FORMED IS TO OPERATE EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH RELIGIOUS PURPOSES AS WILL

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QUALITY IT AS AN EXEMPT ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION SOI(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954 OR CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF ANY SUBSEQUENT FEDERAL TAX LAWS, INCLUDING, FOR SUCH PURPOSES, THE MAKING OF DISTRIBUTIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS QUALIFYING AS TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS UNDER THE CODE.

THIS CORPORATION SHALL NOT, AS A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF ITS ACTIVITIES CARRY OUT PROPAGANDA OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION; NOR SHALL IT PARTICIPATE OR INTERVENE (BY PUBLICATION OR DISTRIBUTION OF ANY STATEMENTS OF OTHERWISE) IN ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ON BEHALF OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.

ARTICLE IV - DEDICATION OF ASSETS

THE PROPERTY OF THIS CORPORATION IS IRREVOCABLY DEDICATED TO RELIGIOUS PURPOSES AND NO PART OF THE NET INCOME OR ASSETS OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL EVER INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY DIRECTOR, OFFICER, OR MEMBER THEREOF, OR TO THE BENEFIT OF ANY PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

THE CORPORATION SHALL HAVE A MEMBERSHIP DISTINCT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. ANY PERSON ACCEPTING JESUS CHRIST AS HIS OR HER PERSONAL SAVIOR AND AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THIS CORPORATION, BY ITS BYLAWS, AND BY SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME ADOPT, IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CORPORATION. THE TRUSTEES SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME PRESCRIBE THE FORM AND MANNER IN

WHICH APPLICATION MAY BE MADE FOR MEMBERSHIP.

ARTICLE VI - REGISTERED AGENT

THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED AGENT OF THE CORPORATION IS FOY H. HAMMONS, 2701 SO. BAYSHORE DRIVE, SUITE 606, COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA 33133.

ARTICLE VII - INITIAL TRUSTEES

THERE SHALL BE FOUR TRUSTEES CONSTITUTING THE INITIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH PERSON WHO IS TO SERVE AS AN INITIAL TRUSTEE IS:

PR. LUIZ CARLOS MELO 8601 S. W. 94 ST. # 104W MIAMI, FLA. 33156

MARIA J. MELO 8601 S. W. 94 ST. # 104W MIAMI, FLA. 33156

PR. SERGIO LOPES 8601 S. W. 94 ST. # 104W MIAMI, FLA. 33156

VERA LUCIA M.S. LOPES 8601 S. W. 94 ST. # 112W MIAMI, FLA. 33156

ARTICLE 8 - INCORPORATORS

THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE INCORPORATORS OF THIS CORPORATION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PR. LUIZ CARLOS MELO 8601 S.W. 94 ST. # 104W MIAMI, FLA. 33156

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ARTICLE IX - MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

A. BOARD OF TRUSTEES: THE POWERS OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE EXERCISED, IT PROPERTIES CONTROLLED, AND ITS AFFAIRS CONDUCTED BY A BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE FOUR. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH NUMBER MAY BE CHANGED BY A BYLAW DULY ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS.

THE TRUSTEES NAMED IN ARTICLE VII SHALL HOLD OFFICE UNTIL
THE FIRST MEETING OF MEMBERS, TO BE HELD ON APRIL 12, 1996, AT
6:00 P. M., AT 1770 BRICKELL AVE., CITY OF MIAMI, COUNTY OF DADE,
FLORIDA, AT WHICH TIME AN ELECTION OF TRUSTEES SHALL BE HELD.

TRUSTEES ELECTED AT THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, AND ALL TIMES THEREAFTER, SHALL SERVE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR UNTIL THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS FOLLOWING THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES AND UNTIL THE QUALIFICATION OF THE SUCCESSORS IN OFFICE. ANNUAL MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD AT 6:00 P. M. ON THE FIRST SUNDAY IN APRIL OF EACH YEAR AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION, OR AT SUCH OTHER PLACE OR PLACES AS THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY DESIGNATE FROM TIME TO TIME BY RESOLUTION.

B. CORPORATE OFFICERS. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SHALL ELECT THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS: PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, AND SECRETARY, AND SUCH OTHER OFFICERS AS THE BYLAWS OF THIS

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CORPORATION MAY AUTHORIZE THE TRUSTEES TO ELECT FROM TIME TO TIME. SUCH OFFICERS SHALL BE INITIALLY ELECTED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. UNTIL SUCH ELECTION IS HELD, THE FOLLOWING PERSONS SHALL SERVE AS CORPORATE OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:

PR. SERGIO LOPES

8601 8. W. 94 ST. # 104W MIAMI, FLA. 33156

VICE PRESIDENT!

VERA LUCIA M.S. LOPES 8601 S. W. 94 ST. # 104W MIAMI, FLA. 33156

SECRETARY:

PR. LUIZ CARLOS MELO 8601 S. W. 94 ST. # 104W MIAMI, FLA. 33156

TREASURER:

MARIA J. MELO 8601 S. W. 94 ST. # 112W MIAMI, FLA. 33156

ARTICLE X - DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

UPON THE DISSOLUTION OR WINDING UP OF THIS CORPORATION, ITS ASSETS REMAINING AFTER PAYMENT, OR PROVISION FOR PAYMENT, OF ALL DEBTS AND LIABILITIES OF THE CORPORATION, SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO A NONPROFIT FUND, FOUNDATION OR CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES WHICH HAS ESTABLISHED ITS TAX EXEMPT STATUS UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954, OR CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF ANY SUBSEQUENT FEDERAL TAX LAWS.

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SIGNATURES OF INCORPORATORS

THE UNDERSIGNED INCORPORATORS OF THIS CORPORATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING THIS NONPROFIT CHARITABLE CORPORATION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA HAVE EXECUTED THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

INCORPORATION.		
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