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SUBJECT: ~~Lifting Him Christian Center~~ Lifting HIM MINISTRIES, Inc.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check  
for :

☐ \$70.00

☒ \$78.75  
(90.00)

☐ \$122.50

☐ \$131.25

FROM:

Rev. John Allen, Jr.  
Name (Printed or typed)

2050 Oleander Blvd. 11-204  
Address

Ft Pierce, FL - 34450  
City, State & Zip

(407) 467-0132  
Daytime Telephone number

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

~~LIFTING HIM CHRISTIAN CENTER, INC.~~ - LIFTING HIM MINISTRIES, Inc.

We, The Undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of being incorporated and effecting a Corporation NOT FOR PROFIT under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, the laws of the State of Florida and proposed this following charter:

### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be ~~Lifting Him Christian Center, Inc.~~ - Lifting Him Ministries, Inc.

### ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Corporation shall be to establish and maintain a place for worship to the Lord Jesus Christ, which we believe is eternally existing in three persons: the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Further to proclaim the gospel, to evangelize to the lost and to provide for the needy.

### ARTICLE III DECLARATION OF FAITH

We believe:

1. That the bible is the inspired word of God.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; name the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried and raised from the dead. That He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. Luke 1:26-35; Matthew 28:1-8; Mark 16:1-8, 19.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. Mark 1:15; Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19.

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5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. Romans 5:1,2; Titus 3:7; John 3:3; I John 3:9.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word and by the Holy Spirit. Romans 5:1,2; I Corinthians 1:30; Hebrews 12:12; I Thessalonians 4:3.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. Luke 1:75; I Thessalonians 4:7; Hebrews 12:14.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Spirit subsequent to a clean heart. Matthew 3:11; Acts 1:4-8.
9. In the speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:4; 10:44-46; 19:1-7.
10. In water baptism by immersion and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit and into the body by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:9,10; John 3:22,23; Acts 2:38.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. Psalm 103:3; Isaiah 53:4,5; James 5:14-16; I Peter 2:24.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. Luke 22:17-20; I Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:4-17.
13. In the sacraments of marriage and the dedication of children. Ephesians 5:28-33; II Corinthians 6:14,15; Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:16.
14. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. To resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Matthew 24:30,31; I Thessalonians 4:14-17. And in His returning to reign on the earth a thousand years. Revelation 20:1-6.
15. In eternal life for the righteous. John 10:28; Romans 6:22. In eternal punishment for the wicked. Revelation 20:10-15; Matthew 25:41-46.

#### ARTICLE IV BOARD OF TRUSTEES ; INCORPORATORS

The Board of Trustees shall consist of at least five but not more than seven. With the exception of the Pastor as Chairman of Board

shall be elected at an annual meeting by two third majority vote of the legal membership present and voting. All Trustees must be members in good standing. The positions of Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected from within the Board of Trustees at the first meeting following the annual meeting. A majority of the directors present at a meeting when a quorum is present is the act of the Board of Trustees. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by a special call meeting of the membership.

The Board of Trustees shall have full right, power and authority to buy property for the use of benefit of the congregation; sell, exchange, transfer and convey any of the property held by it or to borrow money and pledge all necessary deeds, conveyances, etc., provided that the proposition shall first be presented to a regular or called special meeting of the congregation and approved by two third majority vote.

The Board of Trustees has the power to make contracts or expend funds for normal operating expenses of an approved budget presented to the membership at the annual meeting or special meeting. The Board can make line item budget amendments providing said amendments do not cause the total approved budget to be exceeded.

This corporation shall issue no stock. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit or be distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons except that this 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 this article. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law.

The initial Board of Trustees are as follows:

John Allen, Jr  
2050 Olander Blvd. 11-204  
Ft. Pierce, Fl. 34950

Willie Johnson  
1610 N. 16<sup>th</sup> Ct  
Ft. Pierce, Fl. 34950

Debra Mincey  
1506 N 42nd St  
Ft. Pierce, Fl 34947

Christopher Williams  
3106 Ave R  
Ft. Pierce, Fl. 34947

Gemmy Williams  
3107 Alden Terr  
H H Place, H 34982

The aforementioned names and residences shall also serve as the incorporators.

#### ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be extended to such persons who are in Christ through repentance and water baptism by immersion. The candidate is to appear before the congregation and voluntarily agree to subscribe to the Declaration of Faith and further pledge to provide for the needs of the church by financial means of tithes, offerings, and by their regular attendance. Upon verbal commitment of the candidate the right hand of fellowship shall be extended to the person.

Members who willfully absent themselves from the regular services for a period of twelve consecutive months, or withhold their financial support for this same period of time, shall not be counted in the legal voting membership of the corporation. Also, if a member is accused of immoral conduct or open rebellion to the authority of the congregation, they may be called to a hearing before the Board of Trustees. If found guilty and without repentance, they shall have their names removed.

#### ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

An amendment to these articles may be proposed by the Board of Trustees or by a member. Amendments shall be adopted by two thirds majority of the membership at a called meeting.

#### ARTICLE VII - DISSOLUTION

At a special meeting of the membership for the purpose of dissolution and by approval of a two thirds majority vote of the

members present and voting, the Board of Trustees shall be ordered to dissolve the corporation. Upon the dissolution of the corporation and after payments of all indebtedness of the corporation, any remaining funds, investments and other assets of the corporation shall be distributed to worthy non-for-profit charities within the local area.

#### ARTICLE VIII - POLICIES

The Board of Trustees shall from time to time establish and amend written policies and procedures relating to day to day operations or activities of the church. The purpose of these policies is to assure consistency of treatment to all parties. Any policy that conflict with these articles or bylaws or any applicable law shall immediately become void.

#### ARTICLE IX - RESIDENT AGENT

JOHN ALLEN, Jr. of 2050 Oleander Blvd. 11-204, Fort Pierce, St. Lucie County, Florida, is hereby appointed as Resident Agent of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE X - PRINCIPAL ADDRESS/REGISTERED OFFICE

The address of 2050 Oleander Blvd. 11-204, Fort Pierce, Florida, 34950 shall serve as the initial principal address and registered office address.

#### ARTICLE XI - BYLAWS

Section 1.1 Annual Meeting. An annual meeting of the members shall be held for the election of the Board of Trustees and for the transaction of other business relative to the affairs of the church (corporation). The meeting shall be held the first Wednesday of February each year. All financial reports shall be presented at this annual meeting.

Section 1.2 Quarterly Meetings. Quarterly meetings shall be called for the purpose of informing the congregation on the financial status of the church (corporation).

Section 1.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings for the purpose of transacting business may be called by the Board of Trustees upon seven to ten days notice.

Section 1.4 Fiscal Year. The Fiscal year for the corporation shall be January 1 to December 31.

Section 1.5 Vacancies. Vacancies on the Board of Trustees shall be filled at a special called meeting as described in Section 1.3.

Section 1.6 Removal. A Trustee may be removed by a two thirds majority vote of the membership present and voting at a regularly scheduled or special called meeting. This action shall take place only after all scriptural means to reconcile the differences have failed. Reference is Matthew 18:15-17.

Section 1.7 Rules of Order. All meeting shall be conducted by rules contained in "Roberts Rules of Order, Revised" most recent edition. These rules shall govern the corporation when applicable.

Section 1.8 Quorum. Twenty (20) percent of the members constitutes a quorum at the Annual, Quarterly or a Special meeting.

\*Section 1.9 Ministries. The church may set apart apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers, licensed ministers, missionaries, as they may be called and qualified for these orders and ministries.

Section 1.10 Voting. Each member is entitled to one vote on each matter presented at an annual, quarterly or special meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the above named Board of Trustees and  
serving as incorporators have herein subscribed their names  
and affixed their seals this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1996.

John Allen, Jr.  
John ALLEN, Jr.

Willie R. Johnson  
Willie R. JOHNSON

Debra Minney  
Debra MINNEY

Jimmy L. Williams  
Jimmy L. WILLIAMS

Christopher Williams  
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
COUNTY OF ST. LUCIE)

I hereby certify that on this day, before me a Notary Public  
duly authorized in the state and county named above to take  
acknowledgment, personally appeared John Allen, Jr. Debra Minney,  
Christopher Williams, Willie R. Johnson & Jimmy L. Williams,  
to me known to be the persons described as incorporators in and  
who executed the foregoing articles of incorporation.

WITNESS my hand and seal in the county and state named above,  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July.

Evelyn Horne  
Notary Public





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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION 96 JUL 16 AM 10:27  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, 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:

~~Lifting Him Christian Center, Inc.~~ - Lifting Him Ministries, Inc.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

JOHN ALLEN, Jr., 2050 Oleander Blvd. 11-204, Fort Pierce, Florida, 34950.

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

Rev. John Allen  
Pastor  
7/10/96

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I ACCEPT THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Rev. John Allen  
7/10/96