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August 1, 1996

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

RE: ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF: RON BOWLUS MINISTRIES, INC.

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Dear Sir or Madame:

Enclosed is the original and one executed copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the above-named proposed corporation.

Please approve this Article of Incorporation, file the original, certify the copy and return the same to the undersigned.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$122.50 for filing fee, designation of Registered Agent fee, and one certified copy.

JHG/ak Enclosures

W-16753 KR 8-7.96 Joseph H. Graves

Very truly yours,



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

August 12, 1996

JOSEPH H. GRAVES, ESQ. 135 EAST LEMON STREET TARPON SPRINGS, FL 34689

SUBJECT: RON BOWLUS MINISTRIES, INC.

Ref. Number: W96000016753

We have received your document for RON BOWLUS MINISTRIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (904) 487-6052.

Kimberly Rolfe Document Specialist

Letter Number: 496A00038225

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

RON BOWLUS MINISTRIES, INC.

The undersigned, all of whom are of legal age and competency, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, by and under the provisions of the Statues of the Stat of Florida applicable to corporations not for profit, and hereby adopt these Article of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

RON BOWLUS MINISTRIES, INC.

ARTICLE II. DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

This corporation is not for profit corporation, and formed exclusively for charitable purpose within the definition of "non-profit organizations" as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, which purposes shall include the following:

- (A) The specific and primary purpose of this corporation is to operate for the advancement of Christianity and for other charitable purposes, by the distribution of its funds for such purposes, and particularly for assistance in the fulfillment of the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures through music ministry.
- (B) The general purpose for which this corporation is formed is to operate exclusively for such religious and charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distribution to organization which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under the Code.
- (C) This Corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene, by

publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

The corporation is organized upon a nonstock basis as defined in Section 617.011 of the Florida Statutes. The corporation shall have membership distinct from the board of directors. The authorized number and qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the voting and other rights and privileges of members, shall be as regulated in the bylaws. However, the members of this Corporation shall have no right, title or interest whatsoever in its income, property, or assets, nor shall any portion of such income, property, or assets, be distributed to any member on the dissolution or winding up of this Corporation. Members of this Corporation shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the corporation, and shall not be subject to assessments.

ARTICLE V. INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators of this Corporation are:

RONALD D. BOWLUS 801 West 124th Avenue Tampa, Florida 33612

POLLY SUE BOWLUS 801 West 124th Avenue Tampa, Florida 33612

GREGORY DALE BOWLUS 4332 Lucera Drive Jacksonville, Florida 32244

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (A) The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of directors. The number of directors of the corporation shall be three (3), provided, however, that such number may be increased by a bylaw duly adopted pursuant to the bylaws of this corporation.
- (B) The Board of Directors may authorize any officer to carry our any business or matter within the purpose of the Corporation.

- (C) The Incorporators and Subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, whose names and addresses appear in Article V hereinabove, shall constitute the first Board of directors.
- (D) Each Director shall hold office until a qualified successor is duly elected.
- (E) The Directors may fill any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by the majority vote of the Board of Directors present and voting at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors or at a special meeting called for that purpose.
- (F) There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing directors for the next year. Said meeting shall be held in January of each year and the Chairman shall notify all directors of the date, time, and place of such meeting. The election procedure for the election of Directors shall be as provided in the By-laws.
- (G) Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all the members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceeding of the board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law that relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaw of this Corporation authorized the director to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

ARTICLES VII. POWERS

- (A) This Corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simple, in trust, or otherwise, to both real and personal property; to improve, encumber, sell, convey and dispose of all such property; to borrow money; to execute notes, bonds, and other evidence of indebtness and to secure the same by mortgages and deeds to trust, annuity bonds and other instruments of indebtness and to pay interest thereon; to improve, adapt, and use its personal property or the income therefrom in its charitable activities.
- (B) The corporation shall have all other powers and authorities granted by law to Corporation Not For Profit, and it shall not have any power that would disqualified it as a non-profit corporation under either state or federal law.
- (C) The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or

assets of this Corporation shall ever be distributed to its members or directors, except that the corporation may pay reasonable compensation to its members or directors for services rendered, and may confer benefits upon its members in fulfillment of its purpose.

ARTICLES VIII, BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors of this Corporation may provide such By-laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purpose as it may deem necessary from time to time. Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws and any limitations set forth in the Not For Profit Corporation Act of Florida described above, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, the bylaws of this Corporation may be made, altered, rescinded added to or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution by a of the Board of Directors or following the procedures set forth therefor in the bylaws.

ARTICLES IX. NON PROFIT STATUS

Anything in these articles of incorporation to the contrary notwithstanding, the purpose or purposes for which this Corporation is organized are limited to those that will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation or private individual, for by this Corporation at their fair market value in any bona fide transaction.

ARTICLES X. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION

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 not for profit church, fund foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious and charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws. None of the assets will be distributed to any members or director of this Corporation. This Article shall be irrevocable and not subject to amendment.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation, with the exception of Articles IX and X, may be amended at a special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those board members present and voting.

ARTICLE XII. PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF CORPORATION

The principal office and mailing address for the Corporation shall be 801 West 124th Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33612.

ARTICLES XIII. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation shall be 135 East Lemon Street, Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address is JOSEPH H. GRAVES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribing incorporators of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this not for profit charitable corporation under the Laws of Florida, have hereunto set our hand and seals this 12 day of May, 1996.

RONALD D. BOWLUS, Incorporator

Dolly Sur Boulus, Incorporator

GREGORY DALE BOWLUS, Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

I HEREBY am familiar with and accept the responsibilities and duties as registered agent for said Corporation.

OSEPH H. GRAVES, Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS H. Mehorough

Before me, the undersigned authority duly authorized by law to administer oath and take acknowledgements, personally appeared RONALD D. BOWLUS, to me well known and known to me to be the person described as the Incorporator in and who executed the toregoing Articles of Incorporation of RON BOWLUS MINISTRIES, INC., a Corporation Not For Profit, and before me, took an oath and acknowledgment the same to be their free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Tarpon Springs, Tompa Pinellas County, Florida, this 12 day of May, 1996. HillsBorugh

Personally Known

My Commission Expires:

VIRGINIA S. WATKINS

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OF THE STREET OF

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF PINELLAS Hillsborough

Before me, the undersigned authority duly authorized by law to administer oath and take acknowledgements, personally appeared POLLY SUE BOWLUS, to me well known and known to me to be the person described as the Incorporator in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of RON BOWLUS MINISTRIES, INC., a Corporation Not For Profit, and before me, took an oath and acknowledgment the same to be their free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Tarpon Springs, Tampa Pinellas County, Florida, this /2 day of May, 1996.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

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COUNTY OF PINELLAS

Before me, the undersigned authority duly authorized by law to administer oath and take acknowledgements, personally appeared GREGORY DALE BOWLUS, to me well known and known to me to be the person described as the Incorporator in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation of RON BOWLUS MINISTRIES, INC., a Corporation Not For Profit, and before me, took an oath and acknowledgment the same to be their free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein stated.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Tarpon Springs, Pinellas County, Florida, this // day of May, 1996.

NOTARY PUBLICATION

My Commission Expires:

SANDRA J. TURNER
SCOMMISSION & CC 463761
EXPERS MAY 15, 1999
OF RO ATLANTIC BONDRING CO., INC.