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Corporate Records Bureau Division of Corporations Department of State Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE: Articles of Incorporation of:

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EPPING STONES TO HOME, MINISTRIES, INC.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation and original and one copy of Registered Agent form regarding the above-captioned Corporation, together with my money order in the amount of \$131.25, representing payment as follows:

| Kindly furnish me with a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation when filed. | Filing fees | | |
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| Kindly furnish me with a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation when filed. Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter. | Total enclosed | | . 1 |
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| Very truly yours, | Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter. | | |
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Pastor, Winston C. Ferguson P.O. Box 5041

St. Augustine, Fl. 32085-5041

1-800-865-3624 # 728157

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

August 15, 1996

WINSTON C. FERGUSON P.O. BOX 5041 ST. AUGUSTINE, FL 32085-5041

SUBJECT: STEPPING STONES TO HOME, MINISTRIES, INC.

Ref. Number: W96000017141

We have received your document for STEPPING STONES TO HOME, MINISTRIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$131.25. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The designation of the registered office and the registered agent, both at the same Florida street address, must be contained within the document pursuant to Florida Statutes. The registered agent must sign accepting the designation as required by Florida Statutes.

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) 487-6928.

Agnes Lunt Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 696A00038944

PASTOR, WINSTON C FERGUSON PO BOX 5041 ST AUGUSTINE, FL 32085-5041

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE SANDRA B MORTHAM SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS PO BOX 6327 TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32314

August 19, 1996

Dear Mrs. Agnes Lunt

Enclosed please find the Designation of registered office and the registered agent, both at the same Florida street address on the last page as you requested.

Thank you for taking the time to explain this detail to me, you have been so very helpful and kind.

May God bless you,

Pastor, Winston C. Ferruson

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

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STEPPING STONES TO HOME MINISTRIES, Inc. 57/1721 /16:03

ARTICLE I:

The name of the Corporation shall be.

STEPPING STONES TO HOME, MINISTRIES, INC.

ARTICLE II:

The principal place of BUSINESS and MAILING ADDRESS of this corporation shall be.

STEPPING STONES TO HOME, MINISTRIES, INC. City Marina
P.O. Box # 4404
111 A Avenida Menendez
St. Augustine, Florida 32084

STEPPING STONES TO HOME, MINISTRIES, INC. P.O. Box 4404 St. Augustine, Florida 32085-4404

ARTICLE III - SPECIFIC PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes for minorities, homeless, handicapped, mentally ill, and any and all peoples needing hope and help, 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax codes.

ARTICLE IV - EXECTION OF DIRECTORS

The directors shall be elected by majority vote of the members of this corporation.

ARTICLE V - PROHIBITIONS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall to the benefit of, or be distributable to it's members, officers, or other private persons, except that trustees, 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 Article III 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 statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in Opposition to any candidate for public Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (A) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (B) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (C)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VI - STOCK

The corporation shall have no capital stock and shall be composed of members rather than stock holders.

ARTICLE VII - QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS

The categories of membership, qualifications for membership and the manner of admission shall be set fourth in and regulated by the By Laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII - VOTING RIGHTS

Members of the corporation shall have such voting rights as are provided in the By Laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE IX -LIABILITIES

Neither the members nor the members of the Board of Directors of the corporation shall be liable for the debts of the corporation.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

These article of incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the board of directors, proposed by them to the voting members, and approved at a members meeting by a majority of the Members, unless all the directors and all the Members sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of these articles of incorporation be made.

ARTICLE XI - INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify a director or officer of the Corporation who has wholly successfully, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which the director or officer was a party because the director or officer was or is a director or officer of the corporation against reasonable attorneys fees and expenses incurred by the director or officer in connection with the proceedings. The corporation may indemnify an individual made a party to the proceedings because the individual is or was director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation against liability if authorized in the specific case after determination, in the manner required by the board of directors, that indemnification of the director, officer, employee, or agent as the case may be, is permissible in the circumstances because the director, officer, employee, or agent has met the standard of conduct set fourth by board of directors, officers, employees, and agents of corporation shall apply when such persons are serving at the corporation's request while a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, whether or not for profit, as well as in their official capacity with the Corporation. The corporation may also pay for or reimburse the reasonable attorneys fees and expenses incurred by a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding. The corporation may also purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual arising from the individual's status as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, whether or not the corporation would have to indemnify the individual against the same liability under the law.

All references in these Articles of incorporation are deemed to include any amendment or successor thereto. Nothing contained in these Articles in incorporation shall limit or preclude the exercise of any right relating to indemnification or advance of attorneys fees and expenses to any person who is or was a director, officer, employee agent of the Corporation or the ability of or Corporation otherwise to indemnify or advance expenses to any such person by contract or in any other manner. If word, clause or sentence of the foregoing provisions regarding indemnification or advancement of attorneys fees or expenses shall be held invalid as contrary to public law or policy, it shall be severable and the provisions remaining shall not be otherwise affected. All references in these Articles of incorporation to " director", "officer", " employee", and "agent" shall include the heirs, estates, administrators, executors, and personal representatives of such persons.

ARTICLE XII - COVENANT NOT TO SUE

The Corporation agrees that it will never institute any action or suit at law or in equity against any director or officer of the Corporation, nor institute, prosecute, or in any way aid in the institution of prosecution of any claim, demand, action, or cause of action for damages, costs, loss of services, expenses, or compensation for or on account of any damage, loss, or injury to person or property, or both, whether developed or undeveloped, resulting or to result, known or unknown, past, present, or future, arising out of a director or officer of the Corporation's service to the Corporation.

ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION

Upon 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or so disposed of shall be disposed of by Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

INITIAL INCORPORATORS AND DIRECTORS STATEMENT

The names and addresses of the initial incorporators and directors are:

There shall be foure (4) directors constituting the initial board of directors, namely:

Pastor, Winston C. Ferguson St. Augustine City Marina 111 A. Avenida Menendez St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Pastor, Kim Kristi Patton St. Augustine City Marina 111 A. Avenida Menendez St. Augustine, Florida 32084

Chaplin, Raymond B. Inman St. Augustine City Marina 111 A. Avenida Menendez St. Augustine, Florida 32084

A. Julie Holt, L.C.S.W. Suite 612 24 Cathedral Place St. Augustine, Florida 32084

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF ST. JOHN)

Pastor, Winston C Ferguson, of full age, being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath, deposes and says that he is the incorporator of

STEPPING STONES TO HOME, MINISTRIES, INC.

and that the information provided is true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Winston & (unta)

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me this // day of

1196.

FLORIDA my commission expires 1,2077

NOTARY,

STATE

J LARAI, LONG My Commission CC394244 Expires Jul. 20, 1993 Bonded by ANB 800-852-5878

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT STEPPING STONES TO HOME, MINISTRYES, INC

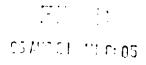
I, Pastor, Winston C Ferguson, hereby accept the designation as registered agent for <u>STEPPING STONES TO HOME, MINISTRIES, INC.</u> and to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

AGREED this 7th day of Sugust, 1996.

St. Augustine City Marina 111 A. Avenida Menendez St. Augustine, Fl. 32084

P. O. Box # 5041 St. Augustine, Fl. 32085-5041

Pastor, Winston C. Ferguson



DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The registered office of Stepping Stones to Home, Ministries, Inc. is:

St. Augustine City Marina 111 A Avenida Menendez St. Augustine, Florida 32084

The Registered agent for the Corporation shall be. Pastor, Winston C. Ferguson and his address is

> St Augustine City Marina 111 A. Avenida Menendez St Augustine, Florida 32084

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

Stepping Stones to Home, Ministries, Inc.

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AGREED THIS 19 TA DAY OF AUGUST, 1996 Pastor, Winston C Ferguson