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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

ZOE MINISTRIES, INC.

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We, the undersigned, with other persons being decisious of forming a corporation for charitable purposes, under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

# ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation is ZOE MINISTRIES, INC.

#### ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

This organization is organized for the following exclusively charitable or religious purposes:

- (1) To conduct religious worship services on a regular basis;
- (2) To engage in all types of religious activity, including, but not limited to, religious instruction and publication; to distribute Bibles; to engage in missionary work, both domestic and foreign, and to establish and operate daycares, kindergartens, elementary and secondary schools, colleges, Bible Schools, and Bible Training Schools and Centers; and to train, license, ordain and commission Ministers of the Gospel;
- (3) To engage in any lawful business activity in any state or country which will further the above purposes.

## ARTICLE III - POWERS

The corporation shall have full power to transact and perform such acts and things as shall be necessary or appropriate for the attainment of the purposes described in ARTICLE II, above. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing language, the corporation shall have the power:

- (1) To acquire, receive and accept, by way of grant, gift, devise, bequest, purchase, lease or otherwise, real property and personal property of every kind including security interests in real property (which term, for purposes hereof, includes without limiting the generality thereof, first mortgages on real property and and receipts, notes, certificates or other instruments representing any rights or interests therein or with respect thereof) created or issued by any person, firm association, corporation or government or subdivision thereof;
- (2) To exercise all rights, powers and privileges in respect to the above described property, including the power to hold administer, sell, convey and dispose of, invest and reinvest such property and the income and proceeds thereof:

- (3) To use, apply or disturse any of its property or the income or proceeds thereof, exclusively for or toward anyone or more of the purposes as snumerated in ARTICLE II;
- (4) To conduct and carry on religious services, and instruction through the public media, including electronic broadcasting, AM and FM radio, telecasting, microwave distribution, close circuit transmission, and cable television;
- (5) To acquire, own and operate such broadcasting and/or telecasting facilities;
- (6) To issue annuities and enter into gift-annuity contracts;
- (7) To serve as trustee of property and to accept donations in trust for religious and charitable purposes;
- (8) To acquire, hold, own, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, shares of the capital stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of other corporations, domestic or foreign, as investments or otherwise, in carrying out any of the purposes of the corporation and, while the owner thereof, to exercise all rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the power to vote thereon:
- (9) To train, license, ordain and commission ministers, missionaries and religious workers, and to grant recognition to various ministries;
- (10)To take any other lawful action necessary to the accomplishment of the purposes described in ARTICLE II.

### **ARTICLE IV - QUALIFICATION OF MEMBER**

The membership of this corporation shall be limited to those who have a genuine interest in the attainment of the purposes set forth in ARTICLE II, above; They shall be admitted to membership upon the Board of Director's approval.

#### ARTICLE V - TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

# ARTICLE VI - INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the incorporator to these ARTICLES is:

Lee Dixon

222 Carpenter Way

Suite 4

Lakeland, Florida 33805

#### **ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS**

(1) The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice-president, and Secretary-Treasure, and any other officer as may be provided in the By-laws.

(2) The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation until the first mouting of the Board of Directors are:

Prosident/Secretary-Treasurer

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(3) The officers shall be elected in the manner provided in the By-laws.

## ARTICLE VIII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (1) The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Beard of Directors.

  This sarperation shall have one (1) director initially. The number of Directors may be increased from time to time, by the By laws, but never shall be less than one (1).
- (2) Mombers of the Board of Directors shall be elected from the membership of the corporation at the annual meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose.
- (3)—The names and addresses of the person who shall serve as Director for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation, is:

Lee Dixon 222 Carpenter Way
Suite 4
Lakeland, Florida 33605

## **ARTICLE IX - BY-LAWS**

- (1) The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such By-laws for the conduct of the business of the corporation and the carrying out of its purposes as may be deemed necessary.
- (2) Upon proper notice, the By-laws may be amended, altered, or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

## **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

- (1) These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose, by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of those members present, unless a larger percentage shall be required by law. At least two-tnirds (2/3) of the Directors of the corporation must be present at any such special meeting before any amendment to these Articles may be made.
- (2) Amendments may also be made at a regular meeting of the membership upon notice given, as provided by the By-laws, of intention to submit amendments.

## ARTICLE XI - REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The registered office and place of business of this corporation shall be 222 Carpenter's Way, Suite 4, in the City of Lakeland, County of Polk, State of Florida, 33805, or such

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## **ARTICLE XII - INTENTION**

It is the intention of this Corporation at all times to qualify and remain qualified as exempt from Fodoral and Florida Income taxes as same may from time to time be amended. Accordingly:

- (1) The Corporation is not to have authority to issue Capital stock.
- (2) The Corporation shall not be conducted or operated for profit, and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member or Individual, nor shall any of the nat earnings, nor any of the property or assets of the Corporation be used other than for the purpose of the Corporation set out in ARTICLE II hereof.
- (3) In the event of a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or winding up of the Corporation, whether voluntary, involuntary or by operation of law, all of the property or assets of the Corporation remaining after discharge of valid obligations, including costs and expenses of dissolution, shall be distributed among organizations which are qualified for exemption under Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, for a public purpose, and none of the assets shall be distributed to any member, officer or director of this Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersign of subschands and seals this 1845 day of Sept.  Corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of	, 1996, for the purpose	nereunto set our of forming this
	Lee Dixon	
State of Florida County of Polk		
Affirmed to and subscribed before me this do by Lee Dixon.	ay of	_, 1996,
	Notary Public	<del></del>

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

In pursuance of Chapter 48,091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

FIRST - That ZOE MINISTRIES, INC. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principle office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at City of Lakeland, County of Polk, State of Florida, has named LEE DIXON, located at 222 Carpenter Way, Suite 4, Lakeland, Florida 33805, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

Lee Dixon

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