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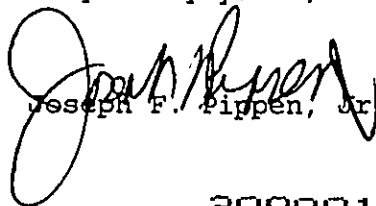
Re: HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Enclosed please find Articles of Incorporation regarding the above captioned company which I would appreciate your filing. I have enclosed my check in the amount of \$122.50 to cover the cost of filing same.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

  
Joseph F. Pippen, Jr.

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Sandra B. Mortham  
Secretary of State

November 7, 1996

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SUBJECT: HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Ref. Number: W96000023686

We have received your document for HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH and check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

The name of the corporation must contain a corporate suffix. This suffix may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

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) 487-6925.

Brenda Baker  
Corporate Specialist

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH, INC.  
A NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

I, the undersigned, with other persons being desirous of forming a nonprofit corporation, under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

ARTICLE I:

The name of the corporation shall be HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH, INC. The principal place of business of this corporation shall be 1702 WEST BAY DRIVE, LARGO, FLORIDA 33770.

ARTICLE II:

A. The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended, and it is authorized to receive and maintain funds, to have, hold, manage and sell the same, to change the investments thereof, to invest and reinvest the proceeds thereof, and to collect and receive the income and profits thereof; and to apply the income and principal to the aid and assistance of any and all charitable organizations and

institutions, and to do all things that may be necessary and useful in the accomplishment of the purposes hereinabove set forth.

B. All the assets and earnings shall be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set out, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto, and no part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private member or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be for the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. In the event of dissolution, all assets and earnings shall be paid over to another corporation or corporations organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes which would qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3), of the Internal Revenue Code as they now exist or as they may be hereafter amended.

C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles:

1. The Corporation shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

2. The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

3. The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code

of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

4. The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

5. The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

The Corporation shall have no capital stock and the private property of the incorporators and members shall not be liable for the debts of the Corporation.

### ARTICLE III

The membership of this corporation shall constitute all persons hereinafter named as officers and directors and such other persons as from time to time may become members by approval of the Board of Directors.

### ARTICLE IV

The name and street address of the incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation is:

WARD ELLIS	14075-79TH AVENUE, SEMINOLE, FL 33776
BILL MISENER	3105 ROBERTA ST., LARGO, FL 33771
FRED CLEPPER	13421 DEL PRADO DR. S., LARGO, FL 33774

JIM MILAM            12343 JULIA ST. N., SEMINOLE, FL 33772  
DAN ROSS            1013 BREEZE DR., LARGO, FL 33770

ARTICLE V

This Corporation is to exist perpetually.

ARTICLE VI

The business of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have five (5) directors initially. The number of directors may be increased from time to time by the Bylaws, but shall never be less than five (5).

The Board of Directors shall be appointed and hold office in accordance for the ensuing year are:

WARD ELLIS	- PASTOR
BILL MISENER	- PRESIDENT/SECRETARY
FRED CLEPPER	- TREASURER
JIM MILAM	- BOARD MEMBER
DAN ROSS	- BOARD MEMBER

ARTICLE VII

The officers of the Corporation shall be Pastor, President/Secretary and Treasurer such other officers as may be provided in the Bylaws.

The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the Corporation who shall hold office for the first year of the Corporation are:

WARD ELLIS	- PASTOR
BILL MISENER	- PRESIDENT/SECRETARY
FRED CLEPPER	- TREASURER
JIM MILAM	- BOARD MEMBER
DAN ROSS	- BOARD MEMBER

#### ARTICLE VIII

The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such Bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

Upon proper notice, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IX

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation shall be 1702 WEST BAY DRIVE, LARGO, FLORIDA 33770, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address is **WARD ELLIS**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand and seal of this 3/01 day of October, 1996.

BY: *Ward Ellis*  
**WARD ELLIS**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT:

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 provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

*Ward Ellis*  
**WARD ELLIS**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

BEFORE ME, an officer duly authorized in the State aforesaid and in the County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared **WARD ELLIS**, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and he acknowledged before me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 31 day of October, 1996.

*Patricia R. Watkins*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

Personally known

or Produced Identification: Florida Drivers License  
Type of Identification produced: FDL# E420-892-51-063-0





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Section 215.26, Florida Statutes, states in part: "Applications for refunds as provided in this section shall be filed with the Comptroller, except as otherwise provided herein, within 3 years after the right to such refund shall have accrued else such right shall be barred. Three years is generally interpreted as meaning three years from the date of payment into the State treasury. The Comptroller has delegated the authority to accept applications for refund to the unit of State government which initially collected the money."

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 3A-44.020, Florida Administrative Code, and Section 215.26, Florida Statutes, or Section \_\_\_\_\_, Florida Statutes, I hereby apply for a refund of moneys I paid into the State treasury, which are subject to refund. The following information is submitted to substantiate the claim.

Name: Hope Community Church, Inc. EIN or SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 1702 W Bay Dr  
Large, FL 33770-3004

Amount: \$61.25 Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for claim: Duplicate Filing - N96000005705  
SP7 8/26/97

Certified true and correct this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1997.

Signature No signature Required

\* Must be completed if authority is other than Section 215.26, Florida Statutes.

For Agency Use Only	
Agency recommends approval of above claim and submits the following information to substantiate the claim.	Amount of recommended refund \$ <u>61.25</u>
The amount requested above was originally deposited into the State Treasury, as a part of the funds deposited on State Treasurer's Receipt No. <u>98197/038</u> dated <u>08-18-97</u>	
Name of Account	<u>4520213000145300000000010000</u>
Statutory Authority for Collection	<u>617</u>
It is requested that payment be made from the following account:	
NAME OF ACCOUNT	<u>4520213000145300000022002000</u>
Certified true and correct this _____ day of _____, 19____	
Department of State, Division of Corporations (Agency)	(Authorized Signature and Title)

# N9600005705

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Sandra B. Mortham  
Secretary of State

August 25, 1997

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH, INC.  
1702 WBAY DR  
LARGO, FL 33770

SUBJECT: HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH, INC.  
Ref. Number: N9600005705

Debit Memo #: 14397-A

This is to inform you that check #1200 in the amount of \$61.25 submitted with the annual report for HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH, INC. has been returned by your bank because of ACCOUNT CLOSED.

We request you remit a cashier's check or money order, referencing the above named debit memo number, in the amount of \$76.25 made payable to the Department of State to cover the unpaid fees and service charge.

Section 607.1421 or 617.1421, Florida Statutes, requires at least 60 day notice of our intent to administratively dissolve or revoke your corporation for failure to file the annual report and pay the filing fee. Consider this your 60 day notice if the payment is not received, your corporation will be administratively dissolved or revoked on or after October 25, 1997 and a reinstatement fee of an additional \$175 will be imposed to reactivate the corporation.

Please send the replacement check to my attention at the address listed below.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6057.

Pat Bailey  
Accountant I

Letter Number: 397A00042657