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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

GOSPEL IN ACTION TABERNACLE, INC.

(A FLORIDA CHURCH CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT)

We the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida applicable to corporations not for profit, under the following proposed Charter:

We the undersigned Subscribers to the Articles of Incorporation each a natural competent to contract, hereby associate together to form and organize a non-profit religious church corporation pursuant to the laws of the state of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I

#### Name

The name of the corporation shall be Gospel In Action Tabernacle, Inc. and its principal place of business shall be located in Miami, Dade County, Florida.

#### ARTICLE II

#### OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

The general nature of the object of this corporation is to conduct religious worship and instruction, churches, schools, pastoriums, and other institutions connected therewith of a religious, educational, charitable and benevolent character, both in Dade County, Florida, and outside of Dade County, Florida

to the end that its own members and others may be generally instructed and guided concerning the Articles of faith, and to ordain ministers of the gospel who shall preach and minister the true gospel of Jesus Christ.

Additional objects, purposes and powers shall also be to advance spiritual growth and enlightment, moral and personal purity, and righteousness among its own membership and the people of the community in which it is located; to promote home and foreign mission; and to aid in the spread of the Gospel if Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth; also to prepare Christian men and women for the Ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to license ministers and ordain ministers of the Gospel.

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# ARTICLE III

#### **POWERS**

In order that this non-profit corporation can accomplish its objectives, it shall have the power to lease suitable buildings and equipment; to acquire by purchase, donations, contributions or gifts, such personal or real property as may be necessary or advantageious to carry out the objects of this corporation, or cash or other real or personal property; to be applied to the use and purpose of this non-profit church corporation, to take hold and manage real and personal property conveyed to it outright or in trust; the income from which is to be applied to the uses and purposes of this church corporation, and to execute such trust, to mortgage or otherwise encumber any of its propert, or to sell and convey the same; to contract debts; to borrow money, with or without security; to execute, issue or sell or pledge bonds, debentures, notes or other instruments to secure the payment of corporation shall require for benefit of the members and not for any pecuniary profit; to enjoy all of the rights and privileges of corporation not for profit governed by the laws of the State of Florida. This shall be an evangelistic, as well as deliverance ministry, for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

# ARTICLE IV

# ADDITIONAL PURPOSES

The general nature of the objects and purposes of this non-profit church corporation shall be for promoting, fostering and prepetuating the Christian Religion; to teach the Bible; to help the poor and needy, to spread the gospel; and to promulgate the doctrines and teachings of and to co-operate with the general program of the Christian religion and the bodies of Christ in World-wide Christian ministry; to distribute Christian Literature, and to conduct regularly scheduled meetings, The scope and operations of this ministry shall be world-wide; this church shall be authorized to license ministers and to ordain ministers of the Gospel of Jesus.

#### ARTICLE V

# QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Every person who believes in and has faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and who believes in forgiveness of sin and has received forgiveness of his sins and who is in harmony with teachings of this church as exemplified by the Articles of Faith and will take the new Testament as his guide and discipline, is qualified and eligible for membership in this corporation; faithful attendance at worship services is required for membership.

- This corporation may call an official meeting of its membership at any time it so desires.
- b. The members of the Church shall be the members of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### TERMS

This corporation shall be perpetual in existence.

#### ARITCLE VII

#### SUBSCRIBERS

The names and residences of the Subscribers are as follows:

Apostle Thomas Callahan

229 NW 56th Street Miami, Florida 33127

Evangelist Shirley F. Callahan

229 NW 56th Street

Miami, Florida 33127

Mother Catherine Finch

2421 Utpoia Dr.

Miramar, Florida 33023

Ezekiel Callahan

229 NW 56th Street Miami, Florida 33127

#### ARTICLE VII (a)

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS RELATED TO COMPLIANCE WITH

# STATE LAWS GOVERNING INCORPORATION OF

#### NON-PROFIT CHURCH CORPORATIONS

In forming this non-profit church corporation, we, the undersigned subscribers to these articles, recognize and affirm that we are of one mind. We are futhermore, as of one mind, in unity, in agreement that we should acknownledge, for the record, that we have no desire to have "titles" or official "positions of title."

However, in order to fully comply with and satisfy the requirements of the laws of Florida, which is our express purpose, we have carefully considered the matter, and have unanimously agreed, as follows:

The names legal "title" of the officers who are to serve until the first election of officers legal incorporation. The annual report date shall be the same as the date of incorporation, whereby a reeting of the subscribers and members shall vote on new officers or retain by vote of majority, the original subscribing officers.

Subscribing officers and titles are as follows:

Apostle Thomas Callahan 229 NW 56th St., Miami, Fl. 33127 President, Overseer, Dir.

Evang. Shirley F. Callahan 229 NW 56th St., Miami, Fl. 33127 Vice President/Sec./Dir.

Mother Catherine Finch 2421 Utpoia Dr. Miramar,Fl. 33023 Missionary/Dir.

Ezekiel Callahan 229 NW 56th St., Miami, Fl. 33127 Treasure/Dir.

This consitutes the list of names and residence addresses of the officers who are, pursuant to this Charter, to serve until the first election of appointment of officers.

These four persons shall serve as initial directors or trustees and they shall function as their titles indicate, until otherwise determined or agreed upon, in an election.

The sole purpose for listing and indicating these "titles" or positions is to comply with and satisfy the legal requirement of the laws of the State of Florida. No private benefit or advantage shall insure to any person as a result of h ving any "title" listed or designated in these Articles of Incorporation.

# ARTICLE VIII

#### DIRECTORS

The business affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, which Board of Trustees shall consist of Apostle Thomas Callahan, Evang. Shirley F. Callahan, Mother Catherine Finch, Ezekiel Callahan; they shall constitute the first Board of Trustees of this Corporation.

That the said Board of Trustees shall hold title to properties of said Corporation and shall make and enter into all contracts, obligations and mortgages which shall be necessary in and about the conduct of the business of the said Corporation.

All meetings of the said Board shall be called by the Chairman; that any three or more of said Board, including the Chairman shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any or all business.

The Chairman of the said Board of Trustees shall have the prerogative to nominate his successor, which noimation shall become final upon ratification by two-thirds of the corporation membership.

In Case of the death of the said Chairman before such nominations have been made, his successor shall be nominated by the remaining members of the said Board of Trustees, Which nomination shall become final upon ratification by two-thirds of the Corporation membership. The manner in which the directors are appointed may be as stated in the By-Laws.

That in case of death or resignation of any other members of the Board of Trustees, other than the Chairman, his or her successor shall be chosen by a majority of the Board of Trustees.

The said Board of Trustees shall appoint and fix the terms of office of all officers of the Corporation whether elective or appointed.

The Chairman of said Board shall be the Pastor of this Corporation, to hold office until his death or voluntary resignation, or unless other wise agreed upon by two-thirds vote of the church membership.

These basic agreements are solemnly pledged among the founders and shall remain hereinafter unalterable, except by unanimous mutual agreement between the Chairman, other executive officers, and the members of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE IX

# DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

If for any reason this non-profit corporation is dissolved or it ceases to function as a church, in accordance with this Charter and these Articles of Incorporation, all of its assets and properties, whether real or personal, monies or any other things of value, shall be distributed in strict compliance with the Internal Revenue Code. Sec. 501(c)(3) and its terms and provisions. This shall be done in the manner more specifically described herein.

#### ARTICLE X

#### LOCATION AND PHYSICAL PREMISES

The temporary location of this corporation initially, shall be 229 N.W. 56 Street, Dade City, Miami, Florida.

The Board of Trustees may from time to time change the location to any other place in Florida, as is deemed to be n the best interest of the church as the circumstances may require.

# ARTICLE XI

# BY-LAWS

The Board of Trustees of this non-profit church corporation may provide such By-Laws 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 By-laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the congregation present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

#### ARTICLE XXI

## AMENDMENTS OF CHARTER

These articles of incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of this corporation present at any regular meetings or special meeting called for that purpose, provided said proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the membership of said corporation, prior to said meeting wherein same shall be considered.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### INDEBTEDNESS

The highest amount of indebtedness of liability for which the corporation may at any time subject itself shall never be greater that \$1,000,000.00.

# ARTICLE XIV

# VALUE OR REAL ESTATE

The amount of real estate which the corporation may hold may be \$2,000,000.00.

#### ARTICLE XV

#### FURTHER PROVISION

This is a corporation which does not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits or dividends to the members thereof. The authorized numbers and qualifications of the members of this corporations, the different classes of membership, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of the Church membership may be set forth and determined by the By-Laws and Amendments thereto. No assessments shall be levied against any member and no member shall be personnally liable for any debts of obligations of the organization. This shall be a nonprofit church organization, pursuant to the Florida non-profit Corporation Law.

This corporation is not be authorized to issue shares of stock in any manner, directly or indirectly.

This corporation is formed solely and exclusive for non-profit religious and charitable purposes and not for pecuniary gain or profit. No pecuniary gain or profit shall ever inure from its business to any director, officer of member of this corporation, or to any other person or corporation. The earnings, it any, of this corporation shall be used exclusively for religious, non-profit purposes for which this church corporation is formed, as stated herein. No member or director of this corporation shall have any personal, proprietary or beneficial interest in the property or income of

this corporation, either during its corporate existence or upon its dissolution, it being hereby expressly provided that all property acquired by the corporation, real or personal, and all increments interests or earnings thereof are and shall be devoted irrevocable and in perpetuity dedicated exclusively to non-profit religious and charitable purposes. In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or abandonment of this corporation, its property shall go to its successor church, conditioned upon the said distributees having, at the time of distribution, and exempt status pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE XVI

#### BY-LAWS

This corporation may make By-Laws and alter, or rescind the same by an official meeting of the members present at an officially called Church Meeting.

#### ARTICLE XVII

# NON-PROFIT STATUS PROVISIONS

This coroporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statues; provided; however, this corporation, in exercising any one or more of such powers, shall do so in futherance of the exempt purpose which it has been organized, as described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The number of persons named above all constitute the number of direction or Trustees of the Corporation until changed by an amendment to the By-Laws of Charter increasing or decreasing the number of directors as may be desired, or the number of directors of the corporation may be changed by an amendment of the Articles of Theoreporation.

#### ARTICLE XVIII

#### COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNAL REVENUE CODE PROVISIONS

No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any dividends or profits from the existence or operation of this corporation. Upon dissolution of the organization, all of its assets remaining after payment ofall costs and expense of such dissolution shall be distributed to organization which have qualified for exemption under the provisions of Section (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal Government, or to a State or Local Government, for a public purpose and none of the income or assets will be distributed to any member, officer or trustees of this corporation.

The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise act to influence legislation.

This church corporation shall not, in any manner, attempt, directly or indirectly, to influence or promote legislation. It shall not in any manner attempt to promote or carry on political propaganda.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned and above name incorporations, trustees and first directors of this corporation have executed this Charter and Articles of Incorporation this 17 day of 0., 1996 and have affixed their hands and seals, at Miami, Dade County, Florida.

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Evang. Shirley Callahan

Ezekiel Colleton (IS)

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Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the state and county named above to take acknowledgements, personnaly appeared Apostle Thomas Callahan, Evangelist Shirley Callahan, Mother Catherine Finch, Ezekiel Callahan to me well-known to be the persons described as subscribers in and who executed the foregoing Charter and Articles of Incorporation, of a Church and non-profit religious corporation, and they acknowledge before me that they executed and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation, for the purpose expressed therein.

Witness my hand and official seal in the county and state named above this 17 day of <u>Dec</u>, 1996. Notary Public, State of Florida at large OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL LYDIA E HARRISON CC582019 COMMESSION EXPIRES SEPT 3,2000 CERTIFICATION OF RESIDENT AGENT I, Apostle Thomas Callahan, one of the subscribers above, do hereby agree to accept the position of RESIDEMY AGENT, and do hereby consent and agree to serve as RESIDENT AGENT, and to keep my place of business open, at 229 NW 56th, Street, Dade County, Florida during all the usual business hours, and to comply with laws and statutes, governing resident agents. APOSITE THOMAS CALLAHAN RESIDENT AGENT 17,\_\_\_\_,1996

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# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

January 22, 1997

Shirley Callahan 229 NW 56th St. Miami, FL 33127

SUBJECT: GOSPEL IN ACTION TABERNACLE, INC.

Ref. Number: N96000006456

Debit Memo #: 72365-B

This is to inform you that your check #137 dated December 19, 1996 in the amount of \$122.50 and submitted for GOSPEL IN ACTION TABERNACLE, INC. has been returned to us by your bank because of Nonsufficient Funds.

We request that you remit a cashier's check or monay order in amount of \$137.50 made payable to the Department of State. This amount will cover the unpaid check and the service fee required by law under section 215.34, Florida Statutes.

When sending the cashiers check or money order, please indicate the debit memo number and that it is a replacement for the returned check mentioned above.

Please note: The documents filed in this office with the returned check will be cancelled unless a replacement check is received within 30 days from the date of this letter. Send the replacement check to:

Division of Corporations Attn: Melinda Lilliston P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

If you have any questions concerning the returned check, please call (904) 487-6900.

Sincerely, Melinda Lilliston Administrative Assistant I Division of Corporations

Letter number: 497A00002976



# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Sandra B. Mortham Secretary of State

February 27, 1997

Shirley Callahan 229 NW 56th St. Miami, FL 33127

SUBJECT: GOSPEL IN ACTION TABERNACLE, INC.

Ref. Number: N96000006456

Debit Memo #: 72365-B

Due to your failure to respond to our previous letter advising you of the returned check #137, the Articles of Incorporation for GOSPEL IN ACTION TABERNACLE, INC. have been cancelled and are considered not filed as of February 27, 1997.

The name of your corporation is now available for use.

If you have any questions concerning the returned check, please call (904) 487-6900.

Letter number: 697A00010336

Sincerely Melinda Lilliston Administrative Assistant I Division of Corporations

Division of Corporations - P.O. BOX 6327 - Tallahassee, Florida 32314

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