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Reverend Mary L. Thomas-Oliver  
1180 S. Main St.  
Brooksville, FL 34601

December 24, 1997

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Sandra B. Mortham, Secretary of State  
Division of Corporation  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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Responding to Letter Number : 097A00059874

Please receive the attached documents with the necessary corrections for filing  
with the Department of Corporations.

I may be reached as follows:

Dec. 27, 1997 thru Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1998 at (352) 796-8765 , 1180 S. Main St., Brooksville, FL 34601.  
Thereafter, I may be reached at:  
(813) 836-4408, (11041 Little Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34654) on Tuesdays  
(813) 836-4401, (11125 Little Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34654) on Wednesdays and Fridays  
(813) 836-4600, (12019 Tree Breeze Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34654) on Thursdays

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

*Mary Thomas-Oliver*

Rev. Mary L. Thomas-Oliver

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Secretary of State

December 22, 1997

REVEREND MARY L. THOMAS-OLIVER  
1180 S MAIN ST  
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601

SUBJECT: HOPE MINISTRIES  
Ref. Number: W97000028371

We have received your document for HOPE MINISTRIES and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity. Simply adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable. Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

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.

The name of the entity must be identical throughout the document.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

WE MUST HAVE A COMPLETE FLORIDA STREET ADDRESS FOR THE REGISTERED AGENT.

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with an address and telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

Please return the original and one copy of 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 (850) 487-6926.

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Secretary of State

December 29, 1997

REVEREND MARY L. THOMAS-OLIVER  
1180 S MAIN ST  
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601

SUBJECT: A MESSAGE OF HOPE MINISTRIES, INC.  
Ref. Number: W97000028371

We have received your document for A MESSAGE OF HOPE MINISTRIES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT WAS NOT RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE. PLEASE RETURN THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT SO THAT THE CORPORATION CAN BE FILED.

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

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Tracy Meyer  
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**A Message of HOPE MINISTRIES, INC.**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

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**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this corporation is A Message of HOPE MINISTRIES, INC. not for profit.  
The principal address of this corporation is 1180 S. Main St., Brooksville, FL, 34601

**ARTICLE II-DURATION**

The period of duration of this corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

**ARTICLE III-PURPOSE**

1. The general purposes for which the Corporation is organized are the following:
  - A. Operate a spiritual center and related activities exclusively for such religious purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.
  - B. To receive by gift, grant, devise, bequests or otherwise, and from any private or public sources, personal or real property, and to hold, administer, sell, invest, reinvest, manage, use, disburse and distribute and apply the income and/or principal of the same in accordance with the directions and intent of the donor or donors or such property, or, in the absence of such directions, as the corporation may deem best from time to time, for the promotion of any and all of the foregoing purposes.

- C.** Generally to have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on Nonprofit corporations under the laws of Florida, or which may be hereafter be conferred, including the power to contract, rent, buy or sell personal or real property; provided, however, that this corporation shall not, accept to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purpose of this corporation.
- D.** To do any and all things, either alone or in cooperation with other organizations or institutions, and either directly or by contribution to such other organizations or institutions, which it may deem necessary or proper in order to carry into effect any or all of the foregoing objects or purposes.
- E.** Nothing herein shall authorize this corporation directly or indirectly, to engage in or include among its purposes, any activity not authorized by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes or which in any way would jeopardize or inhibit this corporation's recognition as a nonprofit corporation with tax exempt status under applicable state and federal statutes.

**2.** In addition to the general purposes the following specific purposes shall apply:

- A.** The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to receive and maintain real or personal property, or both, and, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
- B.** No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any Director or Officer of the Corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no Director or Officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on the dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda,

or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

- C. The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manners as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- D. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provision of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- E. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- F. The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- G. The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- H. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may here-after be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

- (1) Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or a

scientific purpose as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE IV-QUALIFICATIONS

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission are:

Every contributor of cash donations or cash equivalent shall thereby become a member of the corporation and shall be entitled to voice opinions and votes at the annual meeting of the members during the annual year of the corporation following the contribution. Failure to make an annual cash donation(s) or cash equivalent contribution(s) shall automatically terminate the membership of the contributor for the following year of the corporation. Further qualifications and specifics as to membership notifications shall be regulated by the bylaws of the corporation provided they are not inconsistent with these articles.

#### ARTICLE V-INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation 11072 Spring Hill Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34609 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Mr. Ralph Vanlow.

## ARTICLE VI-INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

This corporation shall have seven (7) directors constituting the initial Board of Directors and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

### **DIRECTORS:**

<u><b>NAME</b></u>	<u><b>ADDRESS</b></u>
Reverend Mary L. Thomas-Oliver	1180 S. Main St., Brooksville, FL 34601
Mrs. Janice Ferguson Smith	9474 Lorendale Circle, Spring Hill, 34608
Mrs. Brenda Benford	6481 Toledo Rd., Spring Hill, FL 34606-6063
Mrs. Tina Curry	4913 Waterway Ct., Apt. 338, Orlando, FL 32829
Mr. Randolph P. Johnson	2550 Stag Run Blvd., Apt. 1016, Clearwater, FL 34625
Mrs. Marti Thomas Johnson	2503 E. Waldemar Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32304
Mr. Matthew Kline	3065 Deepwell Drive, Brooksville, FL 34602

### **OFFICERS:**

President: Mrs. Rosalind McCloud 720 E. Summit, Brooksville, FL 34601

Vice-president: Mr. Willie Frank Stephens, Sr. 871 St. Francis St., Brooksville, FL 34601

Secretary: Mrs. Rosalind McCloud 720 E. Summit, Brooksville, FL 34601

Treasurer: Mr. Daniel L. Oliver 1180 S. Main St. Brooksville, FL 34601

(1) The method for election of Directors is as stated in the bylaws.



ARTICLE VII-STOCKS

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE VIII-INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the Incorporator are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
<u>Mary L. Thomas-Oliver</u>	<u>1180 S. Main St., Brooksville, FL</u>

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1997.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the incorporator of this corporation has executed these Articles of Incorporation.

Signature of Incorporator

Mary Thomas-Oliver

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process of the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in the capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligation of Section 617.0202, Florida State Statutes.

Ralph D. Sanders  
REGISTERED AGENT

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BEFORE ME, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgments in the State and County set forth above, personally appeared Mary Thomas Oliver known to be and known by me the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and she acknowledged before me that they executed those Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official Seal in the State and County aforesaid, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1997.

Linda R. Durkee

NOTARY PUBLIC Linda R. Durkee  
STATE OF FLORIDA at Large  
My Commission expires

