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SUBJECT: ENVELOP MINISTRIES INC.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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☒ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certificate

☐ \$122.50  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$131.25  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: REV. DONNELL BENSON  
Name (Printed or typed)

3500 KIPLING DR.  
Address

ORLANDO, FL. 32808-7412  
City, State & Zip

(407) 291-2447  
Daytime Telephone number

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TO: Secretary of State  
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Tallahassee, Florida

Pursuant to the provisions of the State of Florida NON Profit Corporation Act, The undersigned adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**FIRST:** The Name of the Corporation is  
**Envelop Ministries Inc.**

3500 Kipling, Dr. Orlando, FL 32808-7412  
(407) 290-5036

**SECOND:** A resolution recommending that the Corporation accept the following Articles of Incorporation, was adopted by the Corporation at a meeting of members held on April 3, 1998 at which a quorum was present, and the resolution received at least two-thirds of the votes by members which were present and entitled to vote with respect thereto'

**THIRD:** The period of duration is perpetual.

**FOURTH:** The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

Said Corporation is organized exclusively for religious, educational or charitable purposes, as may qualify it as exempt from Federal Income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code 1976 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). More specifically, such purposes include, but are not limited to:

(1) The purpose to establish and maintain a place of worship for the one true God, to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and to honor, at all times the Holy Spirit.

(2) To expound the Word of God by teaching and preaching to scatter the Word of God abroad in accordance with the commission of Christ, Mark 16:15.

(3) To regularly assemble together the members of this Church for fellowship one with another both in large public congregations and in small fellowship groups in homes or other places, to worship God in Spirit and in truth and to cooperate in the building up of the whole Body of Christ.

(4) To labor for evangelization around the world; promote the Gospel of Christ in the United States of America and elsewhere, the members thereof acting as a corporate body, either by themselves or, at their discretion, in cooperation with other bodies considered to be of like faith and practice;

(5) By all legal and practical means, but especially by missionary and evangelistic work. To involve every willing participant of this Church in discipleship unto Christ, including fellowship and activities of service, in the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the Body of Christ.

(6) To recognize the various gifted ministers called by God to enable believers to fulfill their respective functions as members of the Body of Christ and to bring the whole Body of Christ to unity, maturity and completion, Ephesians 4:8-16.

(7) To perform the ordinances of the Church including baptizing believers in water by immersion, celebrating the Lord's Supper and performing other ministries which include but are not limited to: anointing the sick with oil, conducting weddings and funerals and dedicating infants.

(8) To strengthen the family relationships so that the home life of each member is healthy and fruitful by Biblical standard

(9) To act first with charitable concern for, and to help, the members of this Church. But also all people in need of any help which this Church can give, regardless of race, social position, or religious affiliation; to develop and carry out programs of social action for the poor, aged, widowed, orphaned, afflicted, imprisoned, or underprivileged persons, both within and without this Church.

(10) To pray for all people, for local and national leaders and governments and for all that are in authority as instructed in I Timothy 2:1-3.

(11) To support and encourage communication and extension of the Christian life and witness. By sound and comprehensive preaching, teaching and application of Biblical principles to all people, both within this Church and elsewhere, not only by conventional modes, but also by all means which will effect such communication, extension, teaching and preaching. This should include media of communication-developed by modern technology. These purposes should also include to sponsor, participate in, conduct or engage in radio broadcasting, television broadcasting, the printing or reproduction and publication of recordings, books and other materials. And so do a general printing and publishing business in connection therewith, the establishment and be an operator of a school or schools, homes for the indigent or aged people. To hold and conduct seminars, study groups, workshops and meeting, by either resident or traveling speakers. To receive offerings for such purposes provided. However, that none of the foregoing shall be done for private profit. And to grant aid and pay reasonable compensation to persons, firms, and corporations for services actually rendered for such purposes, and that none of the foregoing is inconsistent with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and by-laws of this Corporation.

(12) To set forth and ordain ministers as elders and deacons as they may be called and qualify. To send forth and maintain ministers, missionaries or other workers for the establishment and up-building of churches, or institutions and to assist in the establishment and maintenance of other churches, institutions, either domestic or foreign. I Tim. 3:1-13; Titus 1:5-9; Acts 6:3

(13) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized.

(14) To participate in any and all other activities permitted under the State of Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act.

The foregoing enumeration of specific purposes and powers shall, except as specifically restricted herein, be in nowise limited or restricted by reference to, or inference from the term of any provision of this or any other Article of these Articles of Incorporation.

**FIFTH:** The membership of this Corporation shall consist of duly recognized members in good standing, members now in; training and all persons who shall meet the qualifications of active membership as provided in the By-Laws

**SIXTH:** The affairs of the Corporation shall be directed by a Presbytery Board (Directors) of not more than nine (9) members who shall be Elders of the Church. If Church growth or conditions warrant, the Presbytery Board may determine increasing the number to not more than eleven (11) members. The Presiding Elder (Senior Pastor) shall act as Chairman and President of the Presbytery Board perpetually. The members of the Presbytery Board, with the exception of the Presiding Elder, shall be chosen and appointed or re-appointed annually as provided in the By-Laws. Elders so appointed must possess ten qualifications of Elders as set forth in I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9, and other relevant teachings of the Scripture, and they shall fulfill the ministry of Elders as set forth in the Bible.

The powers, business and property of the Corporation shall be exercised, conducted and controlled by the Presbytery Board for the purposes of the Church body as set forth in these Articles of Incorporation. The Presbytery unanimous agreement. If, in the course of the decision making processes the Presbytery Board can not unanimously agree, then the decisions will rest with the spiritual and corporate affairs of the Church. The Presbytery Board shall be responsible for the maintenance of Scriptural discipline with active membership stated in Article Five above.

The Presiding Elder shall have the authority to name his successor. In the event the office of the Presiding Elder becomes vacant, because the successor has not been named, the Presbytery Board. Then serving shall, with prayer and fasting, select the Senior Pastor to serve as the Presiding Elder requiring a three-fourths majority approval of the total Presbytery Board.

**SEVENTH:** The Corporation shall have the Power:

(1) In connection therewith or incidental thereto, to purchase or acquire by gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise, either directly or as trustees, and so own, hold in trust, construct, maintain, and operate, make improvements, use, sell, convey, mortgage, rent, lease or otherwise dispose of any real or personal property located in the State of Florida or in any other part of the world where permitted by law as may be necessary for the above purposes.

(2) To receive tithes, offerings, gifts, bequests and other income and to solicit funds and raise money to fulfill the above stated purposes.

(3) To borrow money, issue bonds, debentures, notes or other obligations, secure monies so borrowed or in payment for property or for any of the purposes stated above.

(4) To exercise the corporate powers as set forth in the provisions of Title 29, Chapter 10 (29-1005), of the State of Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act and any subsequent amendments thereto.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1976 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1976 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

**EIGHTH:** The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be administered by its officers, which shall be President, Vice President, and a Secretary-Treasurer, or Secretary and a Treasurer all of whom shall be members of the Presbytery Board and such other assistant or administrative officers as determined by the Presbytery Board from time to time. The Presbytery Board shall appoint the officers, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Presbytery Board, who may serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms in office. The office of the President of the Corporation shall be filled by the Presiding Elder and his successors perpetually. The President is an ex-officio member of all departments committees, ministries, etc., of the Church.

**NINTH:** A Meeting of the active membership shall be held annually, to present a report of the activities and finances of the Church Corporation to its members. The annual membership meeting will convene as stated in the By-Laws, unless the Presbytery Board deems it necessary to change the day and/or location and so notify the members.

**TENTH:** The Presbytery Board shall provide such By-Laws for the conduct of its business and the business of the Church as the Presbytery Board may deem necessary from time to time. The power to alter, amend, or repeal the By-Laws or adopt new By-Laws shall be vested in the Presbytery Board at any regular meeting, or any special meeting called for that purpose.

**ELEVENTH:** Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall be made in the following manner:

Resolution setting forth the proposed amendment must be approved by a three-fourths majority of the total Presbytery Board. Upon approval of the Presbytery Board, the proposed amend meets shall be submitted to a special meeting of the membership called for that purpose or at any regular meeting of the members

Written or printed notices shall be addressed to members at their address as it appears in the active membership records stating the place, day and hour of the meeting. Setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the changes to be effected thereby, and shall be delivered by mail not less than ten (10) days or more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting. Such notice shall be deemed to be delivered at the time it is deposited in the United States mail.

The proposed amendment shall be adopted upon receiving the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by active members present. Any number of amendments may be submitted and voted upon at any one meeting.

Upon Adoption by the Presbytery Board and the active membership, and filing with the Office of Recorder of Deed, the amendment shall become effective as to these Articles of Incorporation provided. However, that no amendment to the Articles of Incorporation shall ever conflict with the purposes for which the Corporation is organized as set forth in Article Four.

**TWELFTH:** Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation for distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation are as follows:

In the event of dissolution of final liquidation, the remaining assets of the Corporation shall be applied and distribute, in the following manner: All liabilities and obligations of the Corporation shall be paid, satisfied, and discharged. Or provision shall be made therefore; any assets held on the condition they be returned, transferred or conveyed upon dissolution shall be disposed of in accordance with such requirements; all remaining assets of every nature and description shall be distributed at the discretion of the Presbytery Board (Directors) to one or more corporations, funds, or foundation, either at home and/or abroad, whose purposes are considered nearest those of the Envelop Ministries, Inc. That will be Organized and operating exclusively for religious, educational or charitable purposes, qualified for exemption from tax under the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or its successor provisions. Such disbursements shall be investigated and authorized by the Presbytery Board of the Envelop Ministries Inc.

**THIRTEENTH:** The address, including street and number of the registered office of the Corporation entity is:

- Rev. Donnell W. Benson, Registered Agent  
3500 Kipling Dr.  
Orlando, Florida 32808

**FOURTEENTH:** The Names of the Subscribers are as follows:

Donnell Benson, Cynthia Benson, Unique Wright:

**FIFTEENTH:** At such time these Articles of Incorporation are adopted and filed with the office of Recorder of Deed Florida, the existing Officers and Board of Trustees shall be relieved of office and their successors the Presbytery Board, set forth in Article Six, shall be deemed to have been chosen and qualified to be in office. The existing Board of trustees of this Corporation is as follows:

Donnell Benson, President (Senior Pastor) and Trustee;

Cynthia Benson, Vice President and Trustee;

Unique Wright, Trustee;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The undersigned corporation has caused these Articles of Incorporation to be executed in its name this 28 day of April, 1998.

Donnell W. Benson  
I hereby accept the duties of registered agent

Its President/Registered Agent

Cynthia Benson  
Vice President

Unique Wright  
Trustee