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### Greetings:


Please receive this filing of Articles of Incorporation for registering and certifying. This corporation will be a crisis shelter ministry beginning in Hillsborough County. It will be a non-profit religious organization, tax exempt qualified under section 501(c)(3). I am handling the I.R.S. processing work.

Enclosed is our check for the filing fee of \$122.50.

Please return the certified copy with assigned document number to me at the address printed at the top of this letter.

Thank you for your usual efficient and courteous treatment every time I call your office.

Gratefully Yours,



Donald W. Struble, M.B.A.  
Executive Director

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**SACRED SHELTERS, INC.**  
(a corporation not for profit)

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We, the undersigned, acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of the State of Florida, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit, without capital stock, in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation, as by law provided.

**ARTICLE 1.**

**Name**

1.1) Name. The name of the corporation shall be Sacred Shelters, Inc., and the principal office shall be 10704 Fern Hill Drive, Riverview, FL 33569.

**ARTICLE 2.**

**Purposes and Powers**

2.1) Purposes. The corporation is organized exclusively for religious, educational, and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, and such purposes shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. To disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God, to the end that people may be evangelized and believers may be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.
- B. To regularly assemble for fellowship, counsel and instruction, to worship God in Spirit and in truth and to cooperate in the building up of the whole body of Christ.
- C. To provide pastoral and human relations counseling in appropriate locations to those who need and request such ministry.
- D. To involve every participant of this corporation in its activities and in the ministry of God.
- E. To strengthen the family units so that the home life of each member is healthy and fruitful by Biblical standards.
- F. To perform the sacraments of the church which include, but are not limited to, the following: to baptize believers in water; to anoint the sick with oil; to conduct weddings and funerals; to dedicate infants; and to celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion).
- G. To act with charitable concern for, and to help, not only members of this corporation, but also all people in need of any help which this corporation can give, regardless of race, social position, or religious affiliation; to develop and carry out programs of social action for poor, widowed, orphaned, afflicted, imprisoned, underprivileged, or aged persons.
- H. To operate a crisis center, providing a safe, healthy living environment for women and young girls in crisis, and to offer hope at a time in their lives when there appears to be no hope. Within the scope of providing such shelter, food, clothing, infant and child care, GED training, job skill training, parenting classes, prenatal training, basic living skills, cooking instruction, and other developmental mentoring within a structured program; drug testing and medical care may be necessary.

I. To support and encourage communication and extension of the Christian life and witness by sound and comprehensive teaching of biblical principles to all people, both within this corporation and elsewhere, not only by conventional modes, but also by all means which will accomplish such communication developed by modern technology.

These purposes shall include to sponsor, participate in, conduct or engage in theatrical productions or drama groups, radio and television broadcasting, the printing or reproduction and publication of recordings, books and other materials, the establishment and operation of a school or schools, and the holding and conducting of seminars, study groups, workshops, and meetings, by either resident or traveling ministers; to receive offerings for such purposes; and to grant aid and pay reasonable compensation to persons, firms and corporations for services actually rendered for such purposes; provided, that none of the foregoing shall be done for private profit.

J. To establish and maintain a place of worship, study, recreation and social interaction, a teaching center, a half-way house, a transitional living center, ministering to the whole family and to the whole person, spirit, soul and body.

K. To recognize, support and cooperate with the various ministries established by God to equip 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.

L. To provide and maintain homes, places and buildings for housing of students, counselees, enrolled participants, lecturers, teachers and ministers, as well as other related members of the corporation; to furnish to such students, counselees, enrolled participants, lecturers, teachers, educators and ministers suitable meals and lodging.

M. To acquire, either by deed, gift or purchase, any real estate or personal property to be held in trust for the benefit of the corporation and its stated purposes.

N. To mortgage, sell, or otherwise encumber any such property when such action is deemed to be in the best interests of the corporation as defined in its stated purpose as a Christian organization.

2.2) Powers. To accomplish the foregoing purposes, the corporation shall have all corporate powers permitted under Florida law, including the capacity to contract, bring suit and be sued.

2.2(a) No part of the income of the Corporation shall be distributed to the members, directors, and officers of the Corporation, except as may be paid as reasonable wages.

2.2(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

2.2(c) This Corporation is specifically precluded from engaging in any prohibited activities as defined in Section 617.0105, Florida Statutes.

2.2(d) This corporation retains all of the rights and protections of a religious or church based organization guaranteed under the First Amendment and the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

### **ARTICLE 3.**

#### **Membership**

3.1) Membership. A member must be a mature person openly expressing a belief and faith in the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

3.2) Subscribers. The subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation shall be the original members of the corporation. Additional members may be approved by the Board of Directors after being considered qualified as follows:

- A. Accept, believe in and rely on Jesus Christ for salvation,
- B. Believe that the Holy Bible is the Word of God,
- C. Confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord,
- D. Commit themselves to abide by the ethical standards established by the leadership,
- E. Commit themselves to participate in the activities of the corporation,
- F. Support the organization with their financial offerings,
- G. Submit themselves to the authority and discipline of the leadership.

### **ARTICLE 4.**

#### **Period of Duration**

4.1) Period of Duration. The corporation shall have perpetual existence. In the event of dissolution of this corporation, no part of the corporation's assets shall inure to the benefit of any member but shall instead be distributed to such charitable organization or organizations selected by the final Board of Directors of the corporation, which organization or organizations must qualify as charitable organizations under Sections 170 and 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code as the same may be amended.

### **ARTICLE 5.**

#### **Subscribers**

5.1) Subscribers. The name and address of the subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

Linda S. Spitler,      10704 Fern Hill Drive,      Riverview, FL 33569

Danny L. Spitler,      10704 Fern Hill Drive,      Riverview, FL 33569

### **ARTICLE 6.**

#### **Data Respecting Directors**

6.1) The affairs and property of the corporation shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors composed of not less than three (3) persons. They shall be elected annually according to the procedure set forth in the Bylaws.

6.2) The names and addresses of the persons to serve as the initial directors are:

Linda S. Spitler, 10704 Fern Hill Drive, Riverview, FL 33569

Danny L. Spitler, 10704 Fern Hill Drive, Riverview, FL 33569

Johnnie O. Prophet, 609 Green Cove Drive, Brandon, FL 33510

#### **ARTICLE 7.**

##### **Officers**

7.1) Officers. The names of the officers who shall serve until the first election are as follows:

Linda S. Spitler, President and Treasurer

Danny L. Spitler, Vice President and Secretary

#### **ARTICLE 8.**

##### **Bylaws**

8.1) Bylaws. The Bylaws of the corporation may be altered, amended or rescinded in the following manner:

By vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members of the Board of Directors at a meeting called for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLE 9.**

##### **Amendments**

9.1) Amendments. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed and adopted in the following manner:

Such may be proposed and considered at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, but may not be adopted until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors and then only by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

#### **ARTICLE 10.**

##### **Registered Agent**

10.1) The below-named incorporators, desiring to organize this corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby designate and appoint Linda S. Spitler as the Registered Agent of this corporation, to accept service of process and to serve in such capacity until her successor is selected and duly designated. Her address of record is 10704 Fern Hill Drive, Riverview, FL 33569.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereunto set her hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1998.

Signed, sealed and delivered:

Linda S. Spitler (SEAL)

Danny L. Spitler (SEAL)

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for Sacred Shelters, Inc., at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, I, Linda S. Spitler of 10704 Fern Hill Drive, Riverview, FL 33569, agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida Statutes relative to keeping open such office.

This 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1998.

Linda S. Spitler (SEAL)  
Linda S. Spitler

STATE OF FLORIDA )  
 ) SS  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH )

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, a Notary Public duly authorized to take acknowledgments, personally appeared and presented St. of FL DL's identification:

**Danny L. Spitler and Linda S. Spitler**

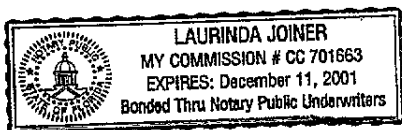
known to me to be the persons described as subscribers in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and they acknowledged before me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of

May, 19 98.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



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