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August 27, 1998

WILLIE COPELAND  
805 E WASHINGTON  
LAKE CITY, FL 32055

SUBJECT: THE GOOD SHEPHERD TABERNACLES INC. INTERNATIONAL  
Ref. Number: W98000019698

We have received your document for THE GOOD SHEPHERD TABERNACLES INC. INTERNATIONAL and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

You must list the corporation's principal office and/or a mailing address in the document.

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as Registered Agent.")

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.

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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# Charter and Articles of Incorporation

for

The Good Shepherd Tabernacles Inc. International

Founder Elder Willie Copeland

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, OUR FATHER, WE THE UNDERSIGNED DO HEREBY  
ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER TO FORM AND ESTABLISH A CORPORATION  
NOT FOR PROFIT UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WE FURTHER DO HEREBY ADOPT AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES.  
THE NAME OF OUR CORPORATION SHALL BE CALLED THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
TABERNACLES INC. INTERNATIONAL

## II.

THE LOCATION OF OUR CORPORATION AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

870 DIXIE STREET  
LAKE CITY, FL 32055

## III.

THE LOCATION OF THE REGISTERED OFFICE IN STATE SHALL BE 805 EAST  
WASHINGTON STREET. THE ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED AGENT WHO NAME IS  
ELDER WILLIE COPELAND IS 805 EAST WASHINGTON, LAKE CITY, FLORIDA.

## IV.

THIS CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED NOT FOR PROFIT AND THE OBJECTS AND  
PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS TO PREACH THE WORD OF GOD TO EVERY  
CREATURE FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD  
THAT REPENTANCE IS COMMANDED OF GOD FOR ALL NECESSARY FOR  
FORGIVENESS OF SINS FOR WHOSOEVER SHALL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD  
SHALL BE SAVED.

(A) WE SHALL PREACH AND TEACH THE WORD OF GOD RIGHTLY DIVIDING  
THE WORD OF TRUTH TO SHOW OTHERS HOW TO GROW IN CHRIST AND TO LEAD  
THEM IN HIS HOLY FOOTSTEPS AS CHRIST LEADS US.

(B) WE SHALL BE DEVOTED TO PROMOTING A SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD AND  
A CLOSER ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION  
RESPECTING AND MAINTAINING THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA AND ALL SUBDIVISION THERE UNDER.

(C) WE SHALL SAFEGUARD AND TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY THE PURITY AND  
RIGHTEOUSNESS OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND THE TEACHING OF OUR GOD.

## VIII.

PRESIDENT: WILLIE L. COPELAND

TREASURER: KENNETH MORGAN

VICE PRESIDENT: MARY ANN COPELAND

SECRETARY: GWENDOLYN JENKINS

THE INITIAL SUBSCRIBERS TO THIS CORPORATION ARE THE SAME AS THE  
PERSONS LISTED IN ARTICLE VIII.

## X.

AMENDMENTS TO THIS CHARTER AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION MAY BE  
INITIATED BY THE DIRECTORS AND MUST BE APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE  
MEMBERSHIP AT A MEETING CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE  
CHARTER.

REASONABLE NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN FOR SAID MEETING.

## XI.

BY-LAWS MAY BE ADOPTED AMENDED AND REPEALED BY THE DIRECTORS  
OF THE CORPORATION WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

### CHURCH CONSTITUTION

- I. WE BELIEVE IN WATER BAPTISM..... ACTS 2:38
- II. WE BELIEVE IN THE LORD'S SUPPER..... ST. LUKE 22:19  
ACTS 2:46
- III. WE BELIEVE IN FEET WASHING..... ST. JOHN 13:12, 13
- IV. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL MEMBERS ARE TO BE  
SAVED FROM STRONG DRINKS ..... 1 TIMOTHY 3:3
- V. WE BELIEVE IN OBEYING OUR PASTOR..... EPHESIANS 6:1
- VI. WE BELIEVE IN DRESSING AS BECOMING HOLINESS -
- VII. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL MEMBERS SHOULD ATTEND  
SERVICES PROMOTLY AND ON TIME.
- VIII. WE BELIEVE IN PAYING TITHES..... MALACHI 3:10

SIGNATURE OF SUBSCRIBERS

Rev. Willie Copeland

Mary Ann Copeland

DATED THIS 3 DAY OF August 1998.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY PERSONALLY APPEARED THE  
ABOVE NAMED SUBSCRIBERS TO THE CHARTER AND ARTICLES OF  
INCORPORATION FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ SUBSCRIBERS  
BEING KNOWN TO ME AND KNOWN TO BE THE PERSON DESCRIBED HEREIN WHO  
AFTER BEING DULY SWORN DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT THEY HAVE READ THE  
AFORE MENTIONED DOCUMENT AND THE FACTS STATED THERE IN ARE TRUE  
AND CORRECT.

AFFIANTS

Rev. Willie Copeland

Mary Ann Copeland

Mervyn Leroy Jenkins

Kenneth Morgan

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF COLUMBIA

ON \_\_\_\_\_ BEFORE ME PERSONALLY APPEARED

Rev. Willie Copeland AND Mary A. Copeland WHO IS

PERSONALLY KNOWN TO ME (OR PROVED TO ME ON THE BASIS OF SATISFACTORY  
EVIDENCE) TO BE THE PERSON (S) WHOSE NAME (S) IS/ARE SUBSCRIBED TO THE  
WITHIN INSTRUMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THAT HE/SHE/THEY  
EXECUTED THE SAME IN HIS/HER/THEIR AUTHORIZED CAPACITY (IES) AND THAT  
BY HIS/HER/THEIR SIGNATURE (S) ON THE INSTRUMENT THE PERSON (S), OR THE  
ENTITY UPON BEHALF OF WHICH THE PERSON (S) ACTED, EXECUTED THE  
INSTRUMENT.

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Signature

Willie O. Cooper

Signature of Notary

Affiant

Willie Copeland

Mary A. Copeland Known

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My Comm Exp. 3/02/2001  
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☒ Personally Known ☐ Other I.D.

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REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 607.0501 or 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the state of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the state of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is: The Good Shepherd Tabernacles Inc.  
International

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Elder Willie Copeland

(Name)

805 E. Washington St.

(P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

Lake City, FL 32055

(City/State/Zip)

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Corporate Office: 870 Dixie Street, Lake City, FL 32055  
(Note: This is the church location)

*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.*

SIGNATURE

Willie Lee Copeland

DATE

August 17, 1998

\*\* The Director's are to be elected as stated in the Bylaws.

If I can be of further assistance, please call me 904-758-3576.

Elder Willie Copeland

DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, P.O. BOX 6327, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32314