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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

FOR

# UpLift Ministries, Inc.

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation pursuant to chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: **UpLift Ministries, Inc.** The term of existence shall be perpetual.

## ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business and the mailing address of **Upl.ift Ministries**, **Inc.** shall be Orlando, Florida. The mailing address is Post Office Box 617547, Orlando, Florida 32861.

## ARTICLE III - PURPOSE(S)

The specific purpose(s) of **UpLift Ministries**, **Inc.** is to promote Spiritual growth in all people; to further the cause of liberation theology, and to promote the eradication of any form of oppression through the interpretation of scripture, religious writings and/or other expressions of hatred, and to provide resources/services to persons infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.

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#### ARTICLE IV -- MANNER OF ELECTION DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed will be as follows:

- Section 1. The pastor is appointed indefinitely by the bishop and is moderator of the board.
- Section 2. The founding chair, secretary, treasurer, and member-at-large are appointed by the pastor to serve for three year terms.
- Section 3. Upon expiration of the first three-year terms, the board shall be appointed by the pastor and approved by the church conference; then the board shall elect its chair, secretary and treasurer. The secretary shall be elected to a three-year term; the chair shall be elected to a two-year term; the member-at-large shall be elected to a two-year term.
- Section 4. Vacancies shall be filled upon resignation or expiration of term of service.

#### ARTICLE V - LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of **UpLift Ministries**, **Inc.** are as provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and the street address of the initial registered agent is:

Rev. Leroy H. Mack 5624 Arundel Drive Orlando, FL 32816 **BipLift Ministries, Inc.** 

#### ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATORS

Section 1. The names and street addresses of the incorporators for these Articles of Incorporation are:

Bro. Henry Pearson, 4614 Fern Pine Drive, Orlando, FL 32808

Bro. Clyde Mitchell, 4902 N. McDill Rd., Apt. 304, Tampa, FL 33614

Bro. Randy Wynn, 4902 N. McDill Rd., Apt. 304, Tampa, FL 33614

Section 2. The membership of **UpLift Ministries**, **Inc.** shall include all those persons expressing the desire to participate in and adhere to the mission and objectives of **UpLift Ministries**, **Inc.** 

Section 3. Membership **UpLift Ministries**, **Inc.** may be terminated or suspended by the General Board of Directors. In the event of termination or dissolution, all real properties and finances become the property of **UpLift Ministries**, **Inc.** 

Section 4. **UpLift Ministries, Inc.** is under the authority of the Holy Scriptures and the bylaws of **UpLift Ministries, Inc.** 

The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 12th day of July, 1998.

Signatures of the Incorporators

Henry Pearson

Clycle Mitchell

Clyde Mitchell

Randy Wynn

UpLift Ministries, Inc.

### CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 607.0501 or 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organizes 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: UpLift Ministries, Inc.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Rev. Lerov H. Mack 5624 Arundel Drive Orlando, FL 32861

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATE 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.

DATE <u>Jeptember</u> 30, 1998