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Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

January 11, 1999

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to request that you return to me a certified copy of the Articles enclosed that are to be filed with your office.

My address is: Dale K. Hipp

Vine Abiding Ministries

281 Auriga Drive

Orange Park, FL 32073-2405

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Dale K. Hipp

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE FLOOMS

### STATE OF FLORIDA

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

## VINE ABIDING MINISTRIES, INC.

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

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation shall be: Vine Abiding Ministries, Inc.

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be:

281 Auriga Drive Orange Park, FL 32073-2405

The mailing address of this corporation shall be:

Vine Abiding Ministries, Inc. 281 Auriga Drive Orange Park, FL 32073-2405

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#### ARTICLE II

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

#### ARTICLE III

The purposes for which this corporation are organized are:

1. This corporation is organized for the purpose of conducting any legal activity permitted to be conducted by non-profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida. More specifically, but without reservation or restriction, this corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or any superseding section. This corporation shall,

among other things, be empowered to organize and operate as an evangelistic association.

- 2. The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for Christian, religious charitable and educational purposes and it is authorized to accept, hold, administer, invest and disburse for Christian, religious, charitable and educational purposes such funds as may from time to time be given to it by any person, persons or corporations, to receive gifts and make financial and other types of contributions and assistance to Christian, religious, charitable and educational organizations, and in general, to do all things that may appear necessary and useful in accomplishing the purposes herein above set out. All of the assets and earnings shall be exclusively for the purpose herein above set out, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto; and no part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or 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 substantial part of its activities or of any organization to which it may contribute shall be for the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation or participate in or influence any political campaign, or any other activity which would disqualify a corporation from tax exemption under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code or other applicable federal, state or local law or regulation now or hereafter enacted.
- 3. All property shall be irrevocably dedicated to educational, religious and charitable purposes and shall be held in the corporate name of Vine Abiding Ministries, Inc. Vine Abiding Ministries, Inc., is a non-profit corporation organized and operated exclusively for educational, religious and charitable purposes, which qualifies for exemption from Federal Income Tax under provisions of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code. The purchase, sale, lease, mortgage or alienation of said real property shall be transacted according to the By-Laws of the corporation.
- 4. In the event of dissolution of this corporation, all of the remaining assets of the corporation shall be distributed only for Christian, religious, charitable and educational purposes, which qualifies for exemption from Federal Income Tax under provision of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE IV

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission are to be specified in the By-Laws of the Corporation. Directors shall be chosen in the manner specified in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE V

The number constituting the initial Board of Directors of the corporation is six and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve are:

Dale K. Hipp

Rural Route 42, P.O. Box 12

Elk Garden, West Virginia 26717

Pamela L. Hipp

Rural Route 42, P.O. Box 12

Elk Garden, West Virginia 26717

Lewis Draper

12580 Lee Road 279

Valley, Alabama 36854

Cameron Farrel

718-815 Shrode Lane

Standish, California 92128

John Lehr

211 Cotton Hill Road

Eufaula, Alabama 36027

Gregory A. Moreland

254 Main Street

Westernport, Maryland 21562

#### ARTICLE VI

The corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

#### ARTICLE VII

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State, or Local Government for exclusive public purpose.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The name and address of each incorporator is:

Dale K. Hipp

Rural Route 42, P.O. Box 12

Elk Garden, West Virginia 26717

IN WITNESŞ WHEREOF,	the undersigned	incorporator	has executed	these Articles of
Incorporation this 06 day of	January	, 199 <b>8</b> .		
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Vine Abiding Ministries, Inc.	<b>y</b>			
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# Signature of Incorporator:

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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA	Date K. Hipp
COUNTY OF Merenal	
of THE FOREGOING instrument of 1998 by Dale K	was acknowledged and sworn to before me this <u>06</u> day.  L. Hipp of Vine Abiding Ministries, Inc.
AND CONTRACT OF THE PROPERTY O	Launder L. Franch
My Commission Expires: 02/2(e)	12006

# CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of section 61 7.0501, 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 Vine Abiding Ministries, Inc.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Warren S. Thomas

281 Auriga Drive Jacksonville, FL 32073-2405 FILEU
SECRETARY OF STATE
SECRETARY OF STATE

PRESIDENT

DATE: 12-5-98

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.

Warren S. Thomas

DATE: 12-5-98