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#### <u>ARTICLE I</u>

The name of this Corporation shall be PROMISE LAND MINSITRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc. and the Corporation shall be located at 20 Church Rd, Crawfordville Florida 32327. The term or duration for which this Corporation shall exist shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE II**

The duration of the corporation is perpetual. The objects for which this Corporation is formed are as follows: To form a Church and to further the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ, by assisting the homeless, hungry, abused, addicted, individuals in need, and to provide religious fellowship for persons who subscribe to the following

**Bible** – The Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible and inerrant (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26).

**TRINITY-** There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and co-eternal (I John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11)

JESUS CHRIST- Jesus Christ is completely human but, at the same time, completely God. He is the only plan for bringing people who are far from God back into a right relationship with God. He lived a perfect life, so that He could be a substitution for us in satisfying God's demands for perfection. He defeated death in His resurrection so that we can have life. Isaiah 7:14; 53; Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 14:33; 16:16; 28:5-6; Luke 22:70; 24:46-47; John 1:1, 14; 10:30; 11:25-27; 17:1-5; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 8:1-3; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; Gal 4:4-5; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15; 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16

Salvation – The blood of Jesus Christ, shed on the cross, provides the only way of salvation through the forgiveness of sin. Salvation occurs when people place their faith in the death and resurrection of Christ as sufficient payment for their sin. Salvation is a gift from God, and it cannot be earned through our own efforts.

Isaiah 1:18; 53:5-6; 55:7; Matthew 1:21; 27:22-66, 28:1-6; Luke 1:68-69; 2:28-32; John 1:12; 3:16, 36; 5:24; Acts 2:21; 4:12; 16:30-31; Romans 1:16-18; 3:23-25; 5:8-10; 6; 1 Corinthians 1:18; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20; Galatians 2:20; 3:13; Ephesians 2:8-10; Philippians 2:12-13; Hebrews 9:24-28; Revelation 3:20

**HEALING** – God des perform divine healing and it is part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and man can be healed through faith by the power of God James 5:14-16

Church - The Church is a local community of baptized believers unified through faith in Christ. It is committed to the teachings of Christ and obeying all of His commands, and it seeks to bring the Gospel to the world. The Church works together in love and unity, intent on the ultimate purpose of glorifying Christ. Matthew 16:18-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-47; 5:11-14; 13:1-3; 14:23; 16:5; 20:28; 1 Corinthians 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:10-12; 5:22-32; Colossians 1:18; 3:15; 1 Timothy 4:14; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 21:2-3

Eternity- There will be a resurrection of the saved and of the lost; of the saved unto eternal life, and of the lost unto eternal conscious punishment. The eternal dwelling place for all believers is Heaven. The eternal dwelling place for unbelievers is Hell, a place of eternal torment reserved for Satan and the fallen angels. (Eternity I Thess. 4:13-18; Dan. 12:2; Rev. 20:1-5; Matt. 25:41) (Heaven Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; II Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; I Peter 1:4) (Hell Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8)

**Second Coming-** Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His Kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures (Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:15-17; II Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7)

#### **Our SACRAMENTS**

Water Baptism: Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48).

The Lord's Supper: A unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and grape juice (the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross (Matthew 26:26-29; I Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25).

Marriage: We believe marriage is defined in the Bible as a covenant, a sacred bond between one man and one woman, instituted by and publicly entered into before God (Matthew 19:4-6).

PROMISE LAND MINSITRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc., recognizing the great importance of the Doctrinal Statement of Faith, resolves that a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees will be required to change any portion of this Doctrinal Statement of Faith. The Board of Trustees alone has the authority to interpret and define the Statement of Faith.

#### ARTICLE III

The name and address of the current registered agent and registered office are:

Registered Agent:

Glenn M. Hamel

Registered Office

20 Church Rd

City State & Zip

Crawfordville, FL 32327 (Wakulla County)

# **ARTICLE IV**

Trustees' Names		Address
Glenn Hamel –	President	376 Floyd Gray Rd Crawfordville, FL 32327
Vera Hamel –	Treasurer	376 Floyd Gray Rd Crawfordville, FL 3232
Edward Layton -	Trustee	20 Church Rd. Crawfordville, FL 32327
Joe Brown-	Trustee	20 Church Rd Crawfordville, FL 32327

#### **ARTICLE V**

PROMISE LAND MINSITRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc. is a church and will maintain a place of worship and Bible study, and may own and operate ministries to help the homeless, hungry, abused, convicted felons, the chemical dependent and any other community needs deemed necessary. It may also operate any business related industries to further the community outreach programs and church's purpose of spreading the Gospel Ministry as well as to provide financial funding of listed purposes. It also may own and operate schools and Bible Institutes, thrift stores, gather and distribute food, clothing, furniture, tools, vehicles, household items, appliances and other necessary items to needy individuals and families. PROMISE LAND MINSITRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc. may also License and Ordain individuals to the Christian ministry as well as issue Church Charters, to do and perform such matters and things as are allowed by law and may be reasonable, convenient, or necessary to attain the objects and ends for which it is organized as herein provided. The Corporation also may receive subscriptions and donations of real and personal property to be applied to the above listed uses and purposes of the Corporation.

#### <u>ARTICLE VI</u>

The Board of Trustees of this corporation shall have power to acquire, hold and dispose of real estate and personal property, notes, mortgages, stocks, bonds, and securities of all kinds, and shall have full power and authority to borrow money and execute its notes and/or bonds therefore and to secure the same by mortgage or deed of trust upon its real or personal property. The Board of Trustees will also be able to receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for the purposes of the Corporation and its work. As well as conduct and carry on religious services and instruction through public media including electronic broadcasting, AM and FM radio, telecasting, microwave distribution, closed circuit transmission, cable television and internet. To acquire, own or accept property and donation in trust for religious or charitable purposes. To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credit.

# **ARTICLE VII**

PROMISE LAND MINSITRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc. isn't organized for pecuniary gain or profit, nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends and no part of its earnings shall inure to the benefit of any members, directors, trustees or individuals, except that PROMISE LAND MINSITRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc and or its employees, staff, or representatives shall be authorized and empowered to pay and to be paid a reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article V hereof.

Upon dissolution of this corporation assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes such as a church or other Code, i.e. charitable, educational, religious or scientific, or corresponding section of any future Federal Tax Code. Or shall be distributed to another Church or the Federal Government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose.

#### ARTICLE VIII

The Board of Trustees of shall manage all affairs of the Corporation as prescribed by these articles. The Pastor shall serve as the President of the Board and shall be the Moderator of this Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees of this corporation now are in good and regular standing, and such other members as the Board of Trustees shall from time to time admit to membership shall be members of this corporation.

The business and property of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of three and no more than five Directors (Trustees). The present Trustees now duly constituted and elected shall constitute the Board of Trustees and they shall hold their offices permanently, until they resign or are asked to be replaced by the President. In the event of the inability of any Trustee to act, or in the event of the death of a Trustee, the remaining Trustees shall elect another Trustee, or Trustees to fill the vacancy or vacancies, thus created. Each Trustee must remain a member in good standing of the corporation. A new Trustee shall be elected by a majority vote of the total Trustees, excluding the Trustee whose position is being filed by vote.

- a. The Trustees and their collective capacity shall be known as the Board of Trustees and under that name shall constitute the governing body, and shall conduct and transact all business of the corporation.
- b. The Trustees shall have power and authority to hold annual and quarterly meetings of the Board of Trustees and may likewise hold special meetings as may be determined by the President and the Board of Trustees. The annual meeting, if and when held, shall be held at the offices of the corporation in Crawfordville, Florida on the First Thursday of October in each year at the hour of 7:00 p.m. of such day, or soon thereafter in each year as is possible for the Trustees to call such meeting. The quarterly meetings if and when held, shall be held at the offices of the corporation in Crawfordville, Florida on the Frist Thursday of January, April, and July, any special meetings may be held at such time as the President and Trustees may determine, and all meetings shall be held at the offices or the corporation in Crawfordville, Florida.
- c. Membership in the *church* will be given upon request to natural persons of all races creeds, colors, who shall publicly profess belief in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and who shall further profess their belief in the purposes of this organization as set forth herein above, who subscribe to the Doctrinal Statement of Faith of PROMISE LAND MINISTRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc., who shall actively participate in the regularly scheduled church services and have completed the membership class. Membership into PROMISE LAND MINSITRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc. will supplant any other church membership previously held.

A member in good standing will be an individual who actively seeks to further the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ, and who shall serve in a regular capacity in the furtherance of the mission purposes of PROMISE LAND MINSITRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc., and actively participates in regularly scheduled worship services.

Members have a right to participate in any and all worship services. Members in good standing will be eligible to serve as a Trustee if so elected. Members may vote where allowed in accordance with the Articles or Incorporation and By-Laws of PROMSIE LAND MINSITRIES LIGHTHOUSE Inc.

Membership may be moved, transferred or terminated on request. Church

Membership cannot be rescinded during any formal investigations or discipline procedures. Membership will be rescinded if a member fails to subscribe to the Doctrinal Statements of Faith. Membership will be revoked via Board approval at the scheduled annual meeting if a member fails to actively participate in the regularly scheduled worship services, any removal of membership into PROMSIE LAND MINISTRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc., will allow any previous Church membership or affiliation to be reinstated if so desired.

- d. The Board of Trustees shall have authority and power, which is herby given, to provide suitable and proper means and religious ceremony and required test and qualifications for entrance into the outreach ministries, hereby being established and organized and by and through the means as established and administered that any and all applicants may be inducted into the ministry thereby license, commission, or full ordination with ministerial authority possible for any ecclesiastical body to be given or to possess or administer, given therein authority to administered all sacred services of ecclesiastical bodies and to include all sacred and sacramental services, and to further include marriage services and together with the sacred services of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- e. The Board of Trustees shall have authority and power, which is hereby given, to provide suitable and proper means and religious ceremony and required test and qualifications for acceptance of Church Charter applications, herby being established and organized applicants may be inducted into affiliation with PROMISE LAND MINSITRIES LIGHTHOUSE INC., and be issued a Certificate of Charter.
- f. The Board of Trustees shall have the authority and power, which is hereby given to establish, institute, operate and maintain any and all such additional departments, associations, institutions, schools, mission stations, programs, housing, rehabilitation, community outreach and all such other vehicles as may be deemed appropriate and advisable by said Board of Trustees for the propagation of the Gospel and Christian and religious worship and where within the Unites States of America and/or in any other country.
- g. The Board of Trustees of PROMISE LAND MINSITRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc shall have power and authority which is herby given, to negotiate or designate agents to negotiate all business transactions, all receipts and disbursements, for any such additional departments, associations, schools, mission stations, programs, housing rehabilitation, community outreach and / or any and all such other vehicles established or instituted by this corporation.
- h. A majority of the Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction by the Board of trustees of any and all businesses, in accordance with the laws of the state of Florida.

The manner in which the directors or trustees of the corporation shall be elected or appointed shall be governed by the provision of the By-Laws of the corporation. The Corporation shall be a sovereign body, and the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation shall be governed by the provision of the By-laws of the corporation. The Place where the business of PROMISE LAND MINSITRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc shall be transacted is Crawfordville, Florida, where said principal office shall be.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

The Pastor shall have the general oversight of the spiritual life of the Church and shall minister the two ordinances of the Church, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. He shall be at liberty to teach and preach as the Lord leads him. He shall be the President of the corporation and shall act as chairman. He shall be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees of the Church or any of its organizations, ministries and outreach programs with the power to vote. He shall provide for all the services of the church and shall arrange for all special meetings, conventions, or revival campaigns. No person shall be invited to speak, preach, or otherwise address the church without his approval. The pastor shall serve until he resigns or retires or is removed for Apostasy. Removal for Apostasy (failure to adhere to the Statement of Faith of PROMISE LAND MINISTRIES LIGHTHOUSE, Inc.) will be by a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees and 2/3 vote of members in good standing.

# ARTICLE XII

Statement of Marriage, Gender, Sexuality.

We believe that because God our Creator established marriage as a sacred institution between one man and one woman, the idea that marriage is a covenant only between one man and one woman is the traditional definition of marriage.

The Traditional Definition of Marriage is the only definition of marriage that will be recognized or accepted by this church. No elder, officer, employee, servant, agent, volunteer, or any person, corporation, organization, or entity under the direction or control of this Church shall commit any act or omission, or make any decision whatever, that would be inconsistent with, full support of this Church's Marriage Policy and strict adherence to the Traditional Definition of Marriage.

This Church's Marriage, Gender & Sexuality Policy specifically prohibits knowingly committing acts or omissions including but not limited to permitting any Church assets or property, whether real property, personal property, intangible property, or any property or asset of any kind that is subject to the direction or control of the Church, to be used in any manner that would be or could be perceived by any person to be inconsistent with this Church's Policy or the Traditional Definition of Marriage, including but not limited to permitting any church facilities to be used by any person, organization, corporation, or group that would or might use such facilities to convey, intentionally or by implication, what might be perceived as a favorable impression about any definition of marriage other than the Traditional Definition of Marriage.

Under this Church's Policy on Marriage, Gender & Sexuality, We believe that God

wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. Rejection of one's biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest and attempting to changes one's biological sex or otherwise acting upon any disagreement with one's biological sex) is sinful and offensive to God

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

We believe this Church's Marriage, Gender & Sexuality Policy is based upon God's will for human life as conveyed to us through the Holy Scriptures, upon which this Church has been founded and anchored, and this Marriage, Gender & Sexuality Policy shall not be subject to change through popular vote; referendum; prevailing opinion of members or the general public; influence of or interpretation by any government authority, agency, or official action; or legal developments on the local, state, or federal level.

### **ARTICLE XIII**

#### **Statement of Biblical Authority**

The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning, truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For the purposes of church doctrine, practice, policy and discipline our Pastor is the church's final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

Subscribers: The name	ies and addresses o	if the subscribers to this Charter are as follows:
Glenn M. Hamel –	President /	376 Floyd Gray Rd Crawfordville, FL 32327
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Vera Hamel –	Treasurer	376 Floyd Gray Rd Crawfordville, FL 3232
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Edward Layton -	Trustee	20 Church Rd. Crawfordville, FL 32327
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Joe Brown-	Trustee	20 Church Rd Crawfordville, FL 32327

# **ARTICLE XV**

These amended and restated articles were adopted by the members of the corporation on

Date

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.325, Florida Statues, 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 PROMISE LAND MINISTRIES LIGHTHOUSE, INC.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is

Glenn M. Hamel 20 Church Rd Crawfordville FL 32327

Signature of Corporate Officer

**Edward Layton** 

Date

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties and I accept the duties and obligations of section 607.325 Florida Statutes.

Signature Registered Agent

0-15-15

Glenn M. Hamel

Date