

N99000003242

ATTORNEYS' TITLE

Requestor's Name

660 E. Jefferson St.

Address

Tallahassee, FL 32301

City/St/Zip

850-222-2785

Phone #

000002886340--5
-05/25/99--01082--016
*****78.75 *****78.75

CORPORATION NAME(S) & DOCUMENT NUMBER(S), (if known):

1- TOM STERBENS MINISTRIES, INC.

2-

3-

4-

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

99 MAY 25 PM 4:17

FILED

☒ Walk-in

☐ Pick-up time ASAP

☒ Certified Copy

☐ Mail-out

☐ Will wait

☐ Photocopy

☐ Certificate of Status

NEW FILINGS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Profit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Non-Profit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited Liability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestication
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

AMENDMENTS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resignation of R.A., Officer/Director
<input type="checkbox"/>	Change of Registered Agent
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dissolution/Withdrawal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Merger

OTHER FILINGS	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual Report
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fictitious Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name Reservation

REGISTRATION/QUALIFICATION	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foreign
<input type="checkbox"/>	Limited Partnership
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

99 MAY 25 PM 3:02

RECEIVED

Examiner's Initials

g/c
S/S

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
TOM STERBENS MINISTRIES, INC.
A Corporation Not for Profit**

FILED
99 MAY 25 PM 4:17
SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

We, the undersigned, being desirous of forming corporation for charitable, literary, cultural, scientific and educational purposes as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and under the provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do hereby agree to the following:

ARTICLE I – NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this corporation is **TOM STERBENS MINISTRIES, INC., a corporation not for profit.** The business and mailing address of this corporation is 3579 Edgewood Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33916.

ARTICLE II – TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually, unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE III – PURPOSES

The general nature and objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized are set out below:

- A. Tom Sterbens Ministries, Inc., a corporation not for profit, is a corporation organized exclusively for charitable, literary, cultural, scientific and educational purposes as set forth in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to other

organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

- B. Tom Sterbens Ministries, Inc., is established for the purposes of teaching, humanitarian enterprises and evangelism.
- C. The corporation may transact any and all lawful business in the State of Florida pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, and The Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE IV – QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

The corporation shall have no members. The authority for all of the officers of the corporation shall be in a Board of Directors, who shall have and may exercise all of the powers of the corporation as permitted by Florida Statute, Chapter 617, The Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, and by these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have four directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by the Bylaws, but never be less than three (3) nor more than five (5).

Section 2. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the Bylaws.

Section 3. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Board of Directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation are:

Thomas D. Sterbens
3579 Edgewood Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Brenda S. Sterbens
3579 Edgewood Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Lesa S. Schwartz
6080 Greenbriar Farms Road
Fort Myers, FL 33905

Anthony V. Flammia
18050 Giddens Drive
Alva, Florida 33920

ARTICLE VI – STOCK

This corporation is organized on a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE VII – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and other officers as may be provided in the Bylaws.

Section 2. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of this corporation until the first meeting of the Board of Directors are:

Thomas D. Sterbens	-	President
Brenda S. Sterbens-		Vice President
Lesa S. Schwartz -		Secretary
Anthony V. Flammia	-	Treasurer

Section 3. The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors or as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII – BYLAWS

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such Bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

Section 2. Upon proper notice, the Bylaws may be amended, altered, or rescinded by a majority vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular Board meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

ARTICLE IX – REGISTERED AGENT and PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The Registered Agent of this corporation not for profit shall be Thomas D. Sterbens, whose address is 3579 Edgewood Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33916. The principal place of business and location of this corporation shall be 3579 Edgewood Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida 33916.

ARTICLE X – NOT FOR PROFIT STATUS

Section 1. This corporation shall NOT be conducted for profit.

Section 2. This corporation shall not exercise any power nor engage in any activity that would prevent it from obtaining exemption from Federal Income Taxation as a corporation described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended or as a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code,

or as a Not-For-Profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida.

Section 3. No part of any gift to or of the net earnings or assets of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or any other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and making payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.

Section 4. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by the corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or by a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida.

Section 6. In the event of the dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions

for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner as the Directors determine, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, literary, scientific, educational, or religious purposes as shall at the time be exempt or qualified for exemption under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), as the Directors shall determine, provided that no such assets shall be distributed to any corporation, fund or foundation, any part of whose net earnings inure to the benefit of or is distributable to any individual or any corporation for profit. Nor shall any of the assets be distributed to any member, officer, or director of this corporation.

ARTICLE XI – POWERS AND LIMITATIONS

The corporation shall, unless specified otherwise in these Articles of Incorporation, have all powers as set forth for not-for-profit corporations under the Statutes of the State of Florida, provided, however, that the corporation may not:

- a. Issue any shares of stock.
- b. Distribute at any time or in any manner any part of the net income or assets of the corporation for a taxable year as to subject the corporation to Federal Income Tax under the provisions of Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, as

amended, not engage in any act of self dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, nor make any investments in such manner and to subject the corporation to Federal Income Tax under the provisions of Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, nor make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended;

- c. Engage in any transaction prohibited under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or any regulations, proclamations, rulings, or other statements made by the Internal Revenue Service, the engagement of which would be cause for the denial of a continuation of the corporation as an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under the provisions of Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or which conduct is not permitted by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulation or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations, such Sections as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended;

- d. Contact or urge the public to contact members of a legislative body for the purpose of proposing, supporting, influencing, or opposing legislation, or advocate the refection of legislation; or directly or indirectly participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office;
- e. In the event of dissolution, after paying or making provisions or the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation turn over the residual assets of the corporation to any person, corporation or organization other than a type of organization described as exempt under the provisions of Section 501(c) (3) and Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or any corresponding Sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or the Federal, State, or Local Government for exclusively public purposes.
- f. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this organization 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, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE XII – DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation shall be distributed or turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended or corresponding Sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or Local Government for exclusively public purposes.

ARTICLE XIII – INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the Incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Thomas D. Sterbens
3579 Edgewood Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Brenda S. Sterbens
3579 Edgewood Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Lesa S. Schwartz
6080 Greenbriar Farms Road
Fort Myers, FL 33905

Anthony V. Flammia
18050 Giddens Drive
Alva, Florida 33920

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned subscribing Incorporators, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 23rd day of May, 1999, for the purpose of forming this not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

Thomas D. Sterbens
Thomas D. Sterbens

Brenda S. Sterbens
Brenda S. Sterbens

Lesa S. Schwartz
Lesa S. Schwartz

Anthony V. Flammia
Anthony V. Flammia

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, THOMAS D. STERBENS, BRENDA S. STERBENS, LESA S. SCHWARTZ and ANTHONY V. FLAMMIA, personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgement.

Thomas D. Sterbens, Brenda S. Sterbens, Lesa S. Schwartz and Anthony V. Flammia,

☒ personally known to me or,
☐ having produced as identification _____
pursuant to Florida Statute 117.05(5)(b)2.c.(I-V),

and acknowledged to and before me that they are the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation freely and voluntarily for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 23rd day of May 1999.

Tana J. Lonon
Notary Public - Signature

Tana J. Lonon
Printed Name of Notary

Commission No.: _____
Commission Expires: _____



Tana J. Lonon
MY COMMISSION # 00560542 EXPIRES
June 10, 2000
BONDED THRU TROY FAIN INSURANCE, INC.

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT / REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following Statement in designating the Registered Office and Registered Agent, in the State of Florida:

1. The name of the corporation is:

TOM STERBENS MINISTRIES, INC.

2. The name and address of the Registered Agent and Office of the corporation is:

Thomas D. Sterbens
3579 Edgewood Avenue
Fort Myers, Florida 33916



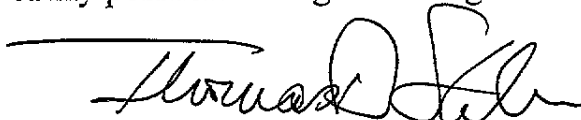
Signature of Corporate Officer

Brenda S. Sterbens

Title: Vice President

Date: May 23, 1999

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 of Resident Agent

Thomas D. Sterbens

Date: May 23, 1999

FILED
99 MAY 25 PM 4:17
CLERK OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA