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RE: Articles of Amendment of MERCY HOUSE MINISTRIES, INC.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed you will find duplicate original copies of the Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of MERCY HOUSE MINISTRIES, INC., also a trust check in the amount of \$43.75 for filing fee.

Please review the Articles of Amendment and if they meet with your approval, file the same and return a copy to my office, conformed as of the date of filing.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my secretary, Paula McKnight.

Thomas J. Winters

TJW/pmc Enclosures

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT to ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of



MERCY HOUSE MINISTRIES, INC.

(Present Name)

N99000006512 (Document Number of Corporation (If known) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida nonprofit corporation adopts the following articles of amendment to its articles of incorporation. Amendments(s) adopted: (INDICATE ARTICLE NUMBER (S) BEING AMENDED, ADDED FIRST: OR DELETED.) The name of the corporation is: RISING RIVER COMMUNITY ARTICLE I. CHURCH, INC. Please See Exhibit "A" Attached ARTICLE II: The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: 3-4-04SECOND: THIRD: Adoption of Amendment (CHECK ONE) The amendment(s) was (were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval. There are no members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was (were) adopted by the board of directors. Chairman, Vice Chairman, President or other officer

PRESIDENT

EXHIBIT "A"

ARTICLE III

This nonprofit corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the religious purposes of a church within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America.

In furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes, the corporation shall have the following powers and authority; however, the corporation shall not be empowered, and is prohibited from, engaging in any activity which is not allowed pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America:

- (a) To operate under the name as set forth;
- (b) To employ qualified counsel and other necessary personnel to carry out the purposes of this corporation;
 - (c) To adopt and use a corporate seal;
- (d) To earnestly seek and promote the unity of God's people and churches in a Scriptural manner of Godly love, respect and faithful voluntary cooperation with liberty. To that end it may associate and cooperate freely with other churches and with missionary organizations and branches; as a free and independent fellowship body in accord with its own conscience and the wisdom of God, as the corporation perceives it to be, but in every case and in every act and in pursuance of or adoption of any policy or method or in practice or association does and shall do so as a free church, always retaining its sovereignty and independence, and in no case whatsoever as an act of subjection nor precedent or amenability nor as an active or passive or implied affiliation nor in any way as relinquishing its perpetual legal independence and sovereignty as a church.
- (e) To receive tithes, offerings and property by gift, devise or bequest subject to the laws relating to the transfer of property by gift or will.
- (f) To take, purchase or otherwise acquire; to own, hold, occupy, use, and enjoy; manage, improve, develop and work; to grant, sell, exchange, let, demise, and otherwise dispose of real estate, buildings, and improvements and every right, interest and estate therein without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated; to erect, construct, alter and repair buildings; to assume any and every kind of contract, agreement and obligation by or with any person, firm, corporation, or association, or any Federal, State, or other

government for the erection, construction, alteration, repair, renewal, equipment, improvement, development, use, enjoyment, leasing, management or control of any buildings, improvements or structures of any kind wherever the same may be situated.

- (g) To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose without limit as to amount and with any person, firm, association or corporation; to draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, issue, and execute promissory notes, warrants, and other negotiable or transferable interests.
- (h) To purchase or otherwise acquire, to own, hold, use and enjoy, to sell, assign and transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of, deal in or deal with personal property of every kind and description without limit as to the amount thereof and wheresoever the same may be situated.
- (i) To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security therefore; to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, warrants and other debentures of the corporation, or otherwise to make guarantees of every kind and secure any or all obligations of the corporation by mortgage, trust deed or otherwise.
- (j) By its Board of Trustees to appoint such officers and employees as may be decreed proper; define their authority and duties; fix their compensation; require bonds of such of them as it deems advisable and fix the penalty thereof; dismiss such officers or employees, or any thereof for any good reason and appoint others to fill their places;
 - (k) To adopt Bylaws regulating and providing for:
 - (1) A definite and distinct ecclesiastical government;
 - (2) A formal code of doctrine and discipline;
 - (3) A congregational membership:
 - (4) An organization of ordained ministers ministering to the congregation;
 - (5) A system of ordaining ministers after completing prescribed courses of study;
 - (6) A literature of the church;
 - (7) Regular religious services;
 - (8) Sunday Schools and seminars for the instruction of young and old;
 - (9) Schools for the preparation of its ministers;
 - (10) Schools for Christian education of children;

- (1) To minister sacerdotal functions;
- (m) To adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;
- (n) To use any and all media, including but not limited to print, television and radio, in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;
- (o) To provide a local place for Christian fellowship for those of like faith, where the Father God, Jesus, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit, may be honored according to our full gospel testimony;
- (p) To assume our share of the responsibility and the privilege of propagating the
 Gospel of Jesus Christ;
- (q) To do any lawful act or activity for which non-profit corporations may be organized under the laws of this state and within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America.
- (r) To exercise such other and incidental powers as may reasonably be necessary to carry out the purposes for which the corporation is established, provided that such incidental powers shall be exercised in a manner consistent with its tax-exempt status as a religious organization as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America.
- and powers and the statements contained in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in no wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clauses, but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers. Notwithstanding any provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall NOT engage in any political activity proscribed by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of the United States of America, nor shall any income or assets of the corporation inure to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity.

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