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FLORIDA PROFIT CORPORATION OR P.A.

The Empowerment Institute and Congregation, Inc.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

The Empowerment Institute and Congregation, Inc.

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of the Corporation is:

The Empowerment Institute and Congregation, Inc.

ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE OF CORPORATION

The specific purpose(s) for which the corporation is organized:

- 1. To serve as a place for religious and spiritual education and empowerment.
- To provide a place for fellowship and spiritual encounter.
- 3. To provide outreach and community services to disadvantaged communities.
- 4. To serve as a resource of information, motivation, inspiration, and education to empower a diverse community of people to be victors of circumstance, positive transformers of community, and leaders of society.
- To raise funds for the Institute, the Congregation, and Outreach programs of the same.
- 6. The Corporation shall engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE 3 - PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

Place of Business

777 N. W. 155th Lane, Penthouse 16 Miami, Florida 33169

Mailing Address

P. O. Box 611772 North Miami, Florida 33261-1172

ARTICLE 4 - INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator of this Corporation is:

John L. Gay, Jr. JFG Financial Services, LLC 2351 N. W. 196th Street Miami, Florida 33056

ARTICLE 5 - OFFICERS

The officers of the Corporation shall be:

President:

Kevin Kitrell Ross

Vice-President:

Janice T. Ross

Secretary/Treasurer

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Whose addresses shall be the same as the principal office of the Corporation.

ARTICLE 6 - DIRECTOR(S)

The election for directors and the manner of their admission is provided for in the laws of the corporation.

ARTICLE 7 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors are as follows: (No less than three)

Kevin Kitrell Ross 777 N. W. 155th Lane, Penthouse #16

Miami, Florida 33169

Janice Tayborn

11421 South Forest

Chicago, Illinois 60628 2600 Westward Drive, Apt. 2908.

Michael L. Ross

San Antonio, Texas 98227

ARTICLE 8 - REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

Kevin Kitrell Ross 777 N. W. 155th Lane, Penthouse #16 Miami, Florida 33169

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Registered Agent's Signature

ARTICLE 9

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE 10 - TERM OF EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE 11 - BYLAWS

The Board of Director(s) of the Corporation shall have power, without the assent or vote of the shareholders, to make, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation, but the affirmative vote of a number of Directors equal to a majority of the number who would constitute a full Board of Director(s) at the time of such action shall be necessary to take any action for the making, alteration, amendment or repeal of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 12 - EFFECTIVE DATE

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

ARTICLE 13 - AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or in any amendment hereto, or to add any provision to these Articles of Incorporation or to any amendment hereto, in any manner now or hereafter prescribed or permitted by the provisions of any applicable statute of the State of Florida, and all rights conferred upon shareholders in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto are granted subject to this reservation.