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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

WORD OF LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER, INC.

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we the undersigned, residents and citizens of the United States of America, of full age of majority, have for the purpose of forming a nonprofit religious corporation pursuant to the laws of the State of Iowa, for the purposes expressed in ARTICLE III hereof, adopted the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation shall be Word of Life Christian Center, Inc. and its duration is to be perpetual.

ARTICLE II

The name of the registered agent and the location and post office address of the corporation's registered office in the State of Iowa is Dan Lee Berry, RR1 Box 146, City of Peru, Iowa.

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 1954, 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 1954, as amended, of the United States of America:

(a) To operate under the name as set forth in ARTICLE I above;

(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 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 devise or bequest subject to the laws relating to the transfer of property by will.

(f) To act as Trustee under any trust incidental to the principal objects of the corporation and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust.

(g) 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 way 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.

(h) 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.

(i) 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.

(j) To borrow and to loan money and to give and to receive evidence of indebtedness and security therefor; 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.

(k) 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;

(l) 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; and

(10) Schools for Christian education of children;

(m) To minister sacerdotal functions;

(n) To adopt and assume names in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;

(o) To use any and all media, including but not limited to, print, television and radio, in the furtherance of its nonprofit, tax-exempt purposes;

(p) To provide a local place for Christian fellowship for those of like faith, where the Father God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus, the Son of God, may be honored according to our full gospel testimony;

(q) To assume our share of the responsibility and the privilege of propagating the Gospel of Jesus Christ;

(r) To do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the corporation and to have and exercise all the powers now or hereafter conferred by the laws of the State.

(s) 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 1954, as amended, of the United States of America.

(t) The several clauses contained in this ARTICLE III shall be construed both as purposes 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 1954, 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.

ARTICLE IV

To assure the corporation of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the church, all ecclesiastical and legal power and authority relative to the corporation shall be exercised by and in accordance with the new testament church pattern. Thus under the leadership of the Holy Spirit the Board of Trustees shall conduct all the business of the corporation (church) and shall be the only voting members of the corporation (church). The number of Trustees, and their qualifications shall be established in the bylaws of this corporation.

ARTICLE V

This nonprofit corporation is formed without any purpose of pecuniary profit and shall have no capital stock.

ARTICLE VI

The private property of the trustees and members of the congregation shall be non-assessable and shall not be subject to the payment of any corporate debts, nor shall the trustees or members of the congregation become individually or corporately liable or responsible for any debts or liabilities of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII

Upon dissolution of the corporation for any cause, all of the assets and property, both real and personal, then owned or controlled by this corporation shall revert to and become the property of an eleemosynary institution accorded tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, of the United States of America, to be designated by the Board of Trustees; provided, however, that the just debts and liabilities of the corporation shall first be paid. Upon dissolution, none of the assets or property of the corporation shall devolve to the benefit of any member, private individual or business entity except as provided above in this ARTICLE VII.

ARTICLE VIII

These Articles may be amended at any regular meeting of

the Board of Trustees, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, bu a two-thirds (2/3) majority.

ARTICLE IX

The undersigned incorporators shall act as the initial Board of Trustees until their successors shall have been duly qualified and elected. The board shall not be less than three (3).

DATED This 25th day of Jan., 1982.

INCORPORATORS

NAME	ADDRESS
Dan Lee Berry DAN LEE BERRY	RR 1 Box 146 Peru, Iowa 50222
Anne Marie Berry ANNE MARIE BERRY	RR 1 Box 146 Peru, Iowa 50222
Bob Gibson BOB GIBSON	RR 1 Box 162 Winterset, Iowa 50273

STATE OF IOWA)
: ss.
County of Madison)

On the date as first set forth above, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said State, personally appeared DAN LEE BERRY, ANNE MARIE BERRY, and BOB GIBSON, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Notary Public for Iowa
Residing at Winterset, Ia.
My Commission expires

DORIS FITZGERALD
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
September 30, 1983

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