

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
Lifeline Ministries of the Ozarks**

1. **Name and Place of Worship.** The name of the church is Lifeline Ministries of the Ozarks, hereinafter referred to as “the Church.” The principal place of worship of the Church shall initially be located in the West Plains Civic Center, Dogwood Room 110 St. Louis Street, West Plains, MO 65775 and may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
2. **Purpose.** The Church is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code including but not limited to licensing, ordaining and overseeing ministers of the gospel, worship, evangelism, missions, ministry to the poor and needy, discipleship and fellowship according to Biblical principles and as an organization exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Church is not organized for profit and it is not authorized to issue capital stock.
3. **Registered Agent and Office.** The name of the initial registered agent of the Church is Ronald David Huff, who is a Missouri resident. The address of the initial registered office, which is the same address as for the registered agent, shall be 5101 County Road, West Plains, Mo 65775.
4. **Principal Office.** The principal office of the Church corporation shall be 5101 County Road, West Plains, Mo 65775.
5. **Members.** The Church corporation will have members. The membership prerequisites, classes, duties, privileges, voting rights, admission, dismissal and discipline shall be provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws of the Church according to the Code of Missouri.
6. **Directors.** The initial directors of the Church corporation are as follows:

Ronald David Huff
5101 County Road 8940
West Plains, MO 65775

Steve Russell
993 State Route AM
Willow Springs, MO

Marshall Biesen
1803 Palmer Street
West Plains, MO 65775

Directors will be elected by the active members of the church, according to Bylaws and the Code of Missouri. Duties, responsibilities and provisions for removal of the directors of the Church shall be established pursuant to the Bylaws.

7. **Provisions for distribution of assets.** The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual. However, upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the board of directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s), as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

8. **Tax-Exempt Purposes.** The property of this Church is irrevocably dedicated to charitable, educational, and religious purposes, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered. 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 (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The Church shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). The Church shall expand or circumscribe its powers and activities as may be necessary to enable it to continue to qualify as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. No gift or grant will be accepted if it contains major conditions which would restrict or violate any of the church's religious, charitable or

educational purposes, or if it would require serving a private as opposed to a public interest.

9. **Indemnification**. To the fullest extent permitted by Missouri law, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended, no director or officer of the Church shall be personally liable for damages in any proceeding brought by or in the right of the Church, or in connection with any claim, action, suit or proceeding to which he or she may be or is made a party by reason of being or having been an officer or director of the Church, provided, however, that such relief from liability shall not apply in any instance where such relief is inconsistent with any provision applicable to Church described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or Missouri law for indemnification by non-profit Church.
10. **Amendments**. Amendments to the Articles will be in accordance with the Code of Missouri and the Board of Directors will propose the amendment(s), will give at least twenty-five (25) days written notice to all members, and will require more than two-thirds (2/3) of all the votes cast for the Amendment(s) at a properly held meeting of the membership to pass the recommended amendment to the Articles.

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