

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
(CHARTER)
1995**

**CHURCH FOUNDATIONAL NETWORK
2221 S. Blue Angel Pkwy.
Pensacola, FL 32506**

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this not-for-profit corporation shall be "Church Foundational Network, Inc." hereafter referred to as the Network, for the purpose of these Articles.

ARTICLE II. EXISTENCE

The Network shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE III. PREROGATIVES

SECTION 1. This Network shall have the right to govern itself according to the standards of the New Testament Scriptures, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace....Till we all come in unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:3-13)

SECTION 2. In connection therewith or incidental thereto, it shall have the right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequests, or otherwise, whether directly or as trustee, and to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose of any real estate or chattels as may be necessary for the furtherance of its purpose, all in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, or as the same may be hereafter modified or amended.

ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NETWORK

The Network is a not for profit corporation organized and existing for religious and charitable purposes. The main purpose of this organization is to function as an association or convention of churches and ministers. The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

SECTION 1. To identify, affirm and relate leaders to reach the unreached and equip the reached.

SECTION 2. To promote apostolic ministry and oversight of the people of God. (I Corinthians 12:28; Acts 14:23; Ephesians 4:8-11; Titus 1:5, I Peter 5:1-4)

SECTION 3. To unite its ministers and churches for effective promotion of the Kingdom of God. (Ephesians 4:1-16).

SECTION 4. To share responsibility in fulfilling the Great Commission of Christ: i.e., the proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom and evangelization of the world.

SECTION 5. To establish a network of ministerial cells, each under the oversight of endorsed apostolic leadership. (Ministerial cells shall be defined as the group of ministers that are related to any recognized apostle within this network. Such relationships are not limited by any geographical boundaries.) Each ministerial cell Apostolic Leader shall appoint a Ministerial Cell Council composed of five-fold ministers within his cell. The Senior Apostle (presently Ken Sumrall) shall serve as the pastor of each current Ministerial Cell Leader. Each Apostolic Leader shall have the option (with the counsel of the Senior Apostle and his council) to recognize and appoint additional apostles to establish additional ministerial cells under the umbrella of CFN. He shall also license and/or ordain ministers within his cell. (Note: as the Ministerial Cells multiply, apostles will pastor apostles who pastor apostles, etc.) The General Council of CFN shall be appointed by the Senior Apostle and they shall serve as advisors to the Apostolic Council.

SECTION 6. To give necessary covering and recognition to each cell family and/or related churches.

SECTION 7. To solicit funds, collect monies, receive gifts and bequests, and otherwise raise money to fulfill these stated purposes.

SECTION 8. To expand, contribute, disburse, and otherwise handle and dispose of funds received.

SECTION 9. To purchase, lease, rent, acquire, own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any real estate or chattels as may be necessary for the above purposes; to hold properties for investment of said funds; to hold in trust properties for the above stated purposes.

SECTION 10. To borrow money, issue bonds, debentures, notes or other obligations, secure for monies so borrowed or in payment for property, or for any other purposes stated above.

SECTION 11. To have and maintain one or more offices within the State of Florida and conduct any of its affairs in the State of Florida or elsewhere within and without the United States of America.

SECTION 12. To govern itself according to this Charter and the By-Laws adopted for the government of the corporation. To have the authority, either directly or indirectly, either alone in conjunction or cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and

things necessary, useful, suitable, desirable or proper for the furtherance and attainment of purposes of the corporation.

Further, the general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such religious and charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt under that Code.

**ARTICLE V. DIRECTORS/OFFICERS
(APOSTOLIC COUNCIL)**

SECTION 1. The corporation is organized on a non-stock basis and shall have no shareholders. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs under the direction of and conducted by a board of directors also referred to as the "Apostolic Council". The number of directors shall be three or more; the number of directors may be changed by the board as long as there are never less than three. The Apostolic Council shall serve as the board of directors for the corporation and shall be chosen and appointed by the incorporator (Senior Apostle).

SECTION 2. The first Senior Apostle shall be Kenneth I. Sumrall, who shall serve until his death, resignation, or replacement. At such time, the Apostolic Council will meet and determine the future direction of the network. (*Buford Lipscomb was appointed New President in January of 2010*).

SECTION 3. Unless otherwise provided in by-laws, the corporation shall have as officers a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer which shall be chosen by the Apostolic Council, and the officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Apostolic Council. A person may serve as one or more officers.

SECTION 4. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held each year on the date set by the Senior Apostle. Annual meeting of the corporation shall be held in or out of the State of Florida.

SECTION 5. The following members of the Apostolic Council are designated to act as directors indefinitely or until their respective successors shall be appointed:

Name and Address

Office

Ken Sumrall
4901 Forest Creek Drive
Pace, Florida 32571

Director – President
*(Buford Lipscomb appointed
New President January 2010)*

Buford Lipscomb
2221 S. Blue Angel Pwky.
Pensacola, FL 32506

President

Marc Limbaugh
555 Newnan Road
Carrollton, Georgia 30117

Director - First Vice President

L.A. Joiner
1620 Seminole Springs
Waycross, Georgia 31501

Director - Second Vice President

Jack Hollis
P.O. Box 450
Marianna, Florida 32447

Director - Third Vice President

David Havice
1352 Lakeshore Place
Gainesville, GA 30501

Director - Secretary/Treasurer

Ron Kelly
Box 3040
8590 Hwy. 98 West
Pensacola, Florida 32506

Tom Roberts
213 Ashwood Court
Havelock, North Carolina 28532

SECTION 6. The responsibilities of the Apostolic Council are:

1. Be responsible to promote the vision and goals of the Network, keeping in mind that there are "differences of administration" and each Ministerial Cell must be allowed to pursue their own destiny within the broader vision of

the Network.

2. Pray together to discern any changes needed in basic vision.
3. To help train and mentor leaders.
4. To confirm outside spiritual advisors to whom the Senior Apostle is related and accountable.
5. To initiate networking with the church at large.
6. To encourage Ministerial Cell members to contribute financially to their oversight for purposes of ministry.
7. To meet at least once annually during its conference for the purpose of conducting legal matters. The first of these meetings to be before the end of February 1996.

ARTICLE VI. REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDINATION

All ministers who desire to be ordained ministers of the Network shall be ordained on the Ministerial Cell level and confirmed by the Senior Apostle. The following will be common to all ministerial cells:

SECTION 1: Cellular recognition of a genuine call to ministry.

SECTION 2: Adhere to and believe in the Charter, By-Laws, and Articles of Faith of Church Foundational Network.

SECTION 3: Moral character according to 1 Timothy 3.

SECTION 4: Financial integrity.

Ordination credentials and CFN recognition will be in effect as long as members are in good standing with their ministerial cell council.

ARTICLE VII. ARTICLES OF FAITH

SECTION 1: INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES. We believe in the verbal inspiration of the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments (2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:19-21).

SECTION 2: GOD. We believe in the one God revealed in three persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost (Matthew 3:16,17; 28:29; John 17).

SECTION 3: MAN. We believe that man, in his natural state, is a sinner, lost, undone, without hope, and without God (Romans 3:19-23; Galatians 3:22; Ephesians 2:1,2,12).

SECTION 4: DIVINITY AND HUMANITY OF CHRIST JESUS. We believe that Jesus

is God come in the flesh and that He is both divine and human (Luke 1:26-38; John 14:1-3; Acts 2:36, 3:14,15; Philippians 2:5-12).

SECTION 5: BLOOD ATONEMENT. We believe in the saving power of the Blood of Jesus and His imputed righteousness (Acts 4:12; Romans 4:1-9, 5:1-11; Eph. 1:3-15).

SECTION 6: BODILY RESURRECTION. We believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ (Luke 24:39-43; John 20:24-29).

SECTION 7: ASCENSION. We believe that Christ Jesus ascended to the Father and is presently engaged in building Heaven and interceding for the saints (John 14:1-6; Romans 8:34).

SECTION 8: SECOND COMING. We believe in the visible, bodily return of Christ Jesus to this earth and to rapture His Church (Bride) and judge the world (Acts 1:10,11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; James 5:8; Revelation 1:7). (It is not necessary that we all believe alike concerning whether He is coming before, during or after the Great Tribulation.)

SECTION 9: SALVATION. We believe that the terms of salvation are repentance toward God for sin, and a personal, heartfelt faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, which results in regeneration of the person. This salvation is entirely by the Grace of our Lord and not of works. Works are excluded except as FRUIT of salvation (Acts 3:19,20; Romans 4:1-5, 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-10).

SECTION 10. LOCAL CHURCH. We believe the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ as a body of believers who have been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; who are under recognized, delegated authorities; and who assemble to worship, carry forth the Great Commission, and minister as the Holy Ghost leads (Matthew 16:18; 28:19,20; Acts 2:20-28, 40-47, Ephesians 5:22-32; 1 Timothy 3:15).

SECTION 11. ORDINANCES. We believe that the two ordinances of the Church are Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

WATER BAPTISM. Immersion in water in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost (Matthew 3:15-16, 28:19-20; Acts 8:38; Romans 6:1-4). A symbol of identification with Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection.

LORD'S SUPPER. A memorial of the death, resurrection and Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 22:13-20).

SECTION 12. SEPARATED LIFE. We believe that believers should seek, as early disciples did, to practice the separated life from the world and unto Christ and to set standards of conduct which shall exalt our Lord and His Church (Romans 12:1-3; 2 Corinthians 6:17; Galatians 6:14; Ephesians 5:11; Colossians 3:17).

SECTION 13. HEAVEN AND HELL. We believe the Scriptures clearly set forth the doctrines of eternal punishment for the lost and eternal bliss and service for the saved -

Hell for the unsaved and Heaven for the saved (Matthew 25:34, 41, 46; Luke 19:19-31; John 14:1-3; Revelation 20:11-15).

SECTION 14. HOLY SPIRIT. We believe the Holy Spirit to be the third person of the Trinity whose purpose in the redemption of man is to convict men in sin, regenerate the repentant believer, guide the believer into ALL truth, indwell and give gifts to believers as He wills, that they may minister as Christ would to men. We believe that the manifestations of the Holy Spirit recorded in 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 shall operate in present-day churches which yield to the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 11:13; John 7:37-39, 14:16, 17, 16:7-14; Acts 2:39-48). We believe that the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, is for all believers as promised by John the Baptist (Matthew 3:11) Jesus (Acts 1:4, 5, 8) and Peter (Acts 2:38-41), and was witnessed by the early disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SECTION 15. DIVINE HEALING. We believe that God has used doctors, medicines, and other material means for healing, but divine healing was also provided for in the Atonement. (Isaiah 53:5) It may be appropriated by laying on of hands by elders (James 5:14-16), laying on of hands by the believers (Mark 16:18), by the prayer of an anointed person gifted for healing the sick (1 Corinthians 12:9), or by a direct act of receiving this provision by faith (Mark 11:23).

SECTION 16. PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS. We believe that each believer is a priest of the Lord (Revelation 1:6) and has direct access to the Father through the Lord Jesus Christ. Each person must believe for himself, be baptized for himself, obey for himself, and answer to his Creator for himself.

SECTION 17. GOVERNMENT OF THE CHURCH. We believe that the New Testament Church should be apostolic in nature and is governed by delegated authorities.

SECTION 18. ORDAINED OFFICERS. The ordained officers of the Church are apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher, local (counseling) elders and deacons (Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 3; Titus 1:5-9). Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers shall not necessarily all function in one local church.

ARTICLE VIII. ANNUAL MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Conventions shall be held each year at appointed times and places, determined by the Network Apostolic Council.

SECTION 2. All Ministerial Cell members and their guests may attend the annual meetings.

ARTICLE IX. EXCLUSION FROM THE NETWORK

After seeking Biblical restoration and/or reconciliation, the Network Apostolic Council reserves the right to exclude from the Network the following:

SECTION 1. Those churches or ministers who depart from the Articles of Faith of Church Foundational Network. (2 John 9-11)

SECTION 2: Those ministers guilty of immorality. (1 Corinthians 5:9-11)

SECTION 3. Those ministers who cause division by contrary actions. (Romans 16:17; 2 Timothy 3:6-12; 3 John 9-10)

SECTION 4. All disciplinary action shall be taken by the Ministerial Cell Council in conjunction with the Senior Apostle.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

The Articles of Incorporation may be amended or changed by the Apostolic Council by resolution adopted by two-thirds vote of a quorum of directors upon receiving suggestions of such changes and/or seeking the counsel of a consensus of recognized apostles active in the ongoing business and ministry of the Network.

ARTICLE XI. LIMITATION OF POWERS

SECTION 1. No Private Inurement: No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to members, trustees, officers, directors or private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Articles.

SECTION 2. No Political Activity: No substantial part of the activities of this 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

SECTION 3. No Unpermitted Activities: Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code or by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

SECTION 4. Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution: Upon the dissolution of this organization and after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution, the last board of directors (Apostolic Council) shall distribute the assets of the corporation for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code, to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. In the event that no agreement can be reached on those organizations selected by the Apostolic Council, the assets shall be distributed to other organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Assets not so distributed shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of Santa Rosa County, Florida, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes. None of the assets shall be distributed to any member, officer, or trustee of this organization.

**ARTICLE XII. PRINCIPLE OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The principle place of business and the mailing address of the corporation is 4901 Forest Creek Drive, Pace, Florida 32571. The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 4901 Forest Creek Drive, Pace, Florida 32571, and the initial registered agent at such address is Kenneth I. Sumrall.

ARTICLE XIII. INCORPORATORS

Name and address of incorporator:

Kenneth I. Sumrall	4901 Forest Creek Drive Pace, Florida 32571
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ARTICLE XIV. BY-LAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal by-laws shall be vested in the Apostolic Council (board of directors).

ARTICLE XII. AGENT

The agent for CFN is Kenneth I. Sumrall, 4901 Forest Creek Drive, Pace, Florida 32571.

