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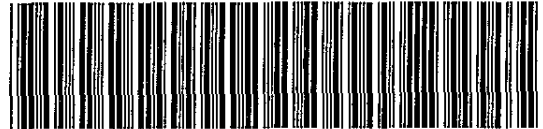
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE EAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF
THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INC.

We, the undersigned subscribers, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida, Florida Statutes 617.01 et seq., applicable to corporations not for profit.

ARTICLE ONE - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

The East Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc.

ARTICLE TWO - ADDRESS

The principal place of business for this corporation shall be:

101 East Union Street, Suite 301
Jacksonville, FL 32202

ARTICLE THREE - PURPOSE

The specific purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

The general purpose of this Corporation shall be to maintain and support the ministry of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt 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), and further, to foster religious exercises, and promote the growth and efficiency of the general church and its membership as provided and directed in the bylaws of the Corporation and according to the most current edition of the "Book of Discipline" of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. To accomplish the general purpose of this Corporation, it shall have the power to purchase, take, receive, lease, take by gift, devise or bequest or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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ARTICLE FOUR – DURATION

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE FIVE – MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Corporation shall be composed of all Traveling Elders, Deacons, and Licentiates and all Local Elders and Local deacons, President of the Annual Conference Lay Organization, Conference President of the Missionary Society, Conference Director of Christian Education, the Young People's Division Director, together with one lay member from each charge within its bounds as set forth in the most current edition of the "Book of Discipline" of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The local churches included in the boundaries of the East Annual Conference are as follows:

Greater New Bethel A.M.E. Church
PO Box 1346
Live Oak, FL 32060

New Bethel A.M.E. Church
1231 Tyler Street
Jacksonville, FL 32209

Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church
8216 SE 185th Ave
Evinsoth, FL 32633

Mother Midway A.M.E. Church
1456 Van Buren Street
Jacksonville, FL 32206

Atlas A.M.E. Church
Gainesville, Florida

Greater New Hope A.M.E. Church
2708 Davis Street
Jacksonville, FL 32209

New Bethel A.M.E. Church
604 SW 6th Ave
Jasper, FL 32052

Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church
345 Washington Street
Lake City, FL 32055

Bethlehem A.M.E. Church
11193 150th St
McAlpin, FL 32062

St. Matthew A.M.E. Church
880 Melson Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32254

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
PO Box 152
Wiliston, FL

Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church
841 Franklin Street
Jacksonville, FL 32206

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
10 SE Martin Luther King
High Springs, FL 32655

New Fountain Chapel A.M.E. Church
737 Jessie Street
Jacksonville, FL 32205

St. Paul A.M.E. Church
6910 New Kings Road
Jacksonville, FL 32219

Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church
U.S. #3101 South
P.O. Box 854
Starke, FL 32091

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
283 McIver Avenue
Jacksonville, Florida

St. James A.M.E. Church
1539 East 27th Street
Jacksonville, FL 32206

Bethel A.M.E. Church
P.O. Box 463
Lawtey, FL 32058

Greater Allen A.M.E. Church
746 Pine Street
Starke, FL 32091

Union A.M.E. Church
Route 1, Box 257 CH
Lake City, FL 32024

Mt. Tabor A.M.E. Church
P.O. Box 1082/US 341
Lake City, FL 32024

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church
P.O. Box 704
Lake City, FL 32056

Mt. Sinai A.M.E. Church
P.O. Box 715
Lake Butler, FL 32054

St. James A.M.E. Church
P.O. Box 715
Lake Butler, FL 32054

New Bethel A.M.E. Church – Spring Glen
5031 Hall Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Hope Henry A.M.E. Church
Route 22, Box 22565
Lake City, FL 32055

Macedonia A.M.E. Church
P.O. Box 23
Fort White, FL 32038

St. Stephen A.M.E. Church
913 W. 5th Street
Jacksonville, FL 32209

Wayman Chapel A.M.E. Church
8855 Sanchez Road
Jacksonville, FL 32217

St. Paul A.M.E. Church
85 M.L. King Jr. Avenue
St. Augustine, FL 32085

First A.M.E. Church
91 Old Kings Road, N.
Palm Coast, FL 32135

Bethel A.M.E. Church
115 N. 8th Street
Palatka, FL 32177

St. Luke A.M.E. Church
694 Pearl Street
St. Augustine, FL 32085

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church
P.O. Box 82
East Palatka, FL 32131

New Bethel A.M.E. Church
154 Noth Boundary Road
San Mateo, FL 32187

Philip R. Cousin A.M.E. Church
2601 Orange Pickers Road
Jacksonville, FL 32223

St. James A.M.E. Church
504 McIntosh Avenue
Orange Park, FL 32073

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church
549 Palmetto Avenue
Green Cove Springs, FL 32053

Union Bethel A.M.E. Church
200 Cedar Street
Crescent City, FL 32112

New Bethel A.M.E. Church
203 George Street
Interlachen, FL 32148

Pleasant Grove
P.O. Box 0565
Georgetown, FL 32139

Payne Chapel A.M.E. Church
600 Putnam County Road
Route 1, Box 188
East Palatka, FL 32131

New Hope A.M.E. Church
551 School St
Bronson, FL 32621

Fort Union A.M.E. Church
2296 145th Rd
Live Oak, FL 32060

St. James A.M.E. Church
345 SW 4th Ave
Chiefland, FL

Bethel A.M.E. Church
604 NW 4th Ave
Trenton, FL 32696

Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church
810 Ada St
Live Oak, FL 32060

Bethel A.M.E. Church
25230 Nw 3rd Ave
Newberry, FL 32699

New Bethel A.M.E. Church
PO Box 770
White Springs, FL 32096

Bethel A.M.E. Church (Belleville)
90 NW 26th Ave
Jennings, FL 32053

New Zion A.M.E. Church (Raleigh)
1829 NE 74th St
Williston, FL 32696

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
PO Box 278
Live Oak, FL 32064

Elizabeth A.M.E. Church
147 Berry St
Jennings, FL 32053

St. James A.M.E. Church
89th Rd
Live Oak, FL 32060

Greater Grant Memorial
5533 Gilchrist Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32219

Historic Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church
201 E Beaver St
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Greater Payne A.M.E. Church
1230 E 23rd St
Jacksonville, FL 32206

Church of the Master A.M.E. Church
5637 Vernon Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32209

Mt Zion A.M.E. Church (Southside)
3811 St. Augustine Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32207

Roberts Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church
1915 Jordan Rd
Atlantic Beach, FL 32222

Mt. Moriah A.M.E. Church
99 Oak St
Jacksonville, FL 32204

New St. James A.M.E. Church
2128 Forest St
Jacksonville, FL 32204

Macedonia A.M.E. Church
202 S 9th St
Fernandina Beach, FL 32035

St. Andrew A.M.E. Church
125 S 9th St
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Union Community A.M.E. Church
1155 W Beaver St
Jacksonville, FL 32204

New Bethel A.M.E. Church
PO Box 699
Callahan, FL 32011

Lewis Memorial A.M.E. Church
2123 Talladega Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32209

New Bethel A.M.E. Church
9864 New Berlin Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32226

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
283 McIver Ave
McClenny, FL 32063

Collins Chapel A.M.E. Church
465 W Hwy 90
Jacksonville, FL 32234

Greggs Temple A.M.E. Church
1510 W 45th St
Jacksonville, FL 32208

Henry Gordon A.M.E. Church
7951 Derkle Ave
Jacksonville, FL 32219

St. Paul A.M.E. Church
1410 Pearl St
Mayport, FL 32333

Prince Chapel A.M.E. Church
3701 Hendricks Rd
Nassauville, FL 32034

Greater Bethel A.M.E. Church
701 SE 43rd St
Gainesville, FL 43641

Ebenezer A.M.E. Church
411 Parshley
Live Oak, FL 32060

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church
State Road 10
Wellborn, FL 32094

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church
P.O. Box 5774
Gainesville, FL 32602

Mt. Pleasant-Marion Circuit
7596 SW County Road 158
Jasper, FL 32052

Bethel A.M.E. Church
21400 NW 58th Terr
Lacrosse, FL 32607

St. Luke A.M.E. Church
14912 M.L King Jr. Blvd.
Alachua, FL 32615

Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church
P.O. Box 590
Archer, FL 32618

St. Paul A.M.E. Church
195 NW Terrance
Gainesville, FL 32604

St. Luke A.M.E. Church
5619 SW 63rd Blvd.
Gainesville, FL 32608

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church (Padlock)
10569 122nd Street
Live Oak, FL 32060

Ward Chapel (Micanopy)
402 NW Eestalustee Ave.
Micanopy, FL 32667

Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church
721 SE 8th St
Gainesville, FL 32601

Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church (Williston)
1591 NW 50th Street
Williston, FL 32696

St. James A.M.E. Church
PO Box 21
Walaka, FL 32093

Hurst Chapel A.M.E. Church
28 1/2 Bernard St
St. Augustine, FL 3208

ARTICLE SIX – SUBSCRIBERS

The names and the addresses of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Bishop McKinley Young	101 E. Union Street, Ste. 301 Jacksonville, FL 32202
Presiding Elder Joseph Sanchez	2986 Shorewood Avenue Orange Park, FL 32073
Presiding Elder Robert Mitchell	2787 Percy Road Jacksonville, FL 32218
Presiding Elder Oscar C. Williams	115 Dusty House Road Quincy, FL 32351
Presiding Elder D.A. Anderson	1760 Daytona Lane Jacksonville, FL 32218

ARTICLE SEVEN – MANAGEMENT

The affairs of the Corporation are to be managed by a Board of Trustees, which shall have as its Presiding Officer, a Chairman of the Board who shall be the Presiding Bishop of the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Other officers shall be appointed or selected in accordance with provisions of the most current edition of the “Book of Discipline”. At it’s annual regular meeting as prescribed in the A.M.E. Church “Book of Discipline” on a date as set by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, the membership shall meet for the purpose of selecting new trustees.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other 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 Article 3 hereof. 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 in (including the publishing or

distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidates for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other 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 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE EIGHT- MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The Board of Directors that may also be referred to as a Board of Trustees shall include the following officers: Chairman, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the by-laws of this corporation may authorize. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled and its affairs conducted by the Board of Directors/Trustees consisting of not less than three (3) persons.

No person shall be selected as a Director or Trustee who is not at least eighteen (18) years of age and who has not been a member of the church for six (6) months preceding his selection. The manner of selection shall be as provided in the bylaws of the Corporation and in conformity with the most current edition of the "Book of Discipline" of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE NINE - OFFICERS

The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as officers of the Board of Corporation until others are selected are as follows:

Chairman/Director:	Bishop McKinley Young	101 E. Union Street, Ste. 301 Jacksonville, FL 32202
Director:	Presiding Elder Joseph Sanchez	2986 Shorewood Avenue Orange Park, FL 32073
Director:	Presiding Elder Robert Mitchell	2787 Percy Road Jacksonville, FL 32218
Director:	Presiding Elder Oscar C. Williams	115 Dusty House Road Quincy, FL 32351
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ARTICLE TEN – REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501 or 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered agent, in the State of Florida.

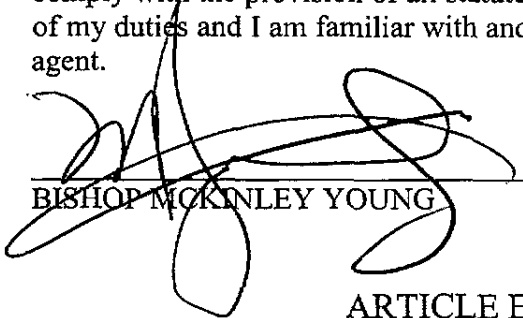
1. The name of the corporation is:

The East Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc.

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is

Bishop McKinley Young
101 East Union Street
Suite 301
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provision of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent.



BISHOP MCKINLEY YOUNG

ARTICLE ELEVEN – BYLAWS

Bylaws of the Corporation may be made, altered, or rescinded by the members of the corporation at any regular meeting with a majority of the membership present, but said bylaws shall be in conformity with the most current edition of the "Book of Discipline" of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. There shall be a minimum of one regular meeting of the membership per year as provided in the Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Provision for additional regular meetings or special meetings may be made in the bylaws of the Corporation and shall be in conformity with the most current edition of the "Book of Discipline" of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE TWELVE – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed and adopted by the members of the corporation at any meeting called pursuant to Article 11.

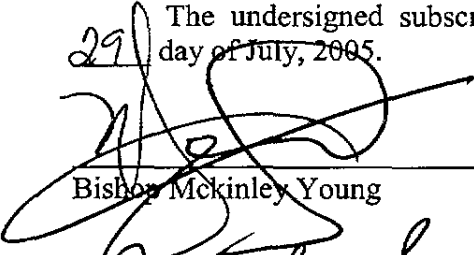
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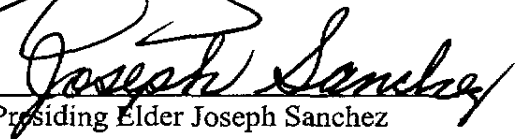
All legal instruments of the Corporation shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, or his designee, sealed with a corporate seal and attested to by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees or in such other manner as may be authorized by Florida laws applicable to corporation not for profit.

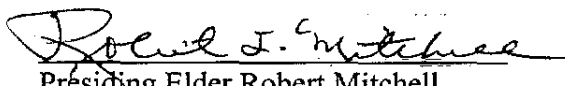
ARTICLE FOURTEEN – DISSOLUTION

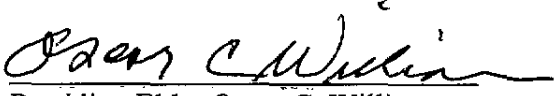
In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to another Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, for disposition as provided in the most current edition of the “Book of Discipline” of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The alternative and in accordance with the provisions of the most current edition of the “Book of Discipline” of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, shall distribute assets for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

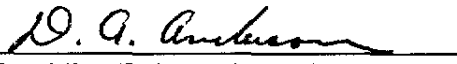
29 The undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this day of July, 2005.


Bishop McKinley Young


Presiding Elder Joseph Sanchez


Presiding Elder Robert Mitchell


Presiding Elder Oscar C. Williams


Presiding Elder D.A. Anderson