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Re: New Filing Section

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for LA MISSION, INC. and check in the amount of \$122.50 to cover the following costs:

Filing Fee \$ 35.00 Certified Copy 52.50 Registered Agent Designation 35.00

Please return a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Floretta H. Hipp

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

LA MISSION, INC.
A Corporation Not For Profit

# ARTICLE I

### NAME

The name of this corporation is LA MISSION, INC. called the "Mission" in these Articles.

### ARTICLE II

## OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The Mission's registered office is 5015 Baggett Place, Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida 32926, and its registered agent is ROBERT E. SWANN, 5015 Baggett Place, Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida. Both this Mission's registered office and registered agent may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors in the manner provided by law. Principal address: 5015 Baggett Place, Cocoa, Florida.

### ARTICLE III

# PURPOSE AND POWERS OF THE MISSION

This Mission does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to its members. It is formed specifically to furnish a channel for Bible-Believing Churches to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord, as set forth in the Scriptures. This Mission's purposes shall be implemented through evangelism and the establishment of indigenous Bible-Believing Churches, and shall be fulfilled by the receiving and disbursing of funds, in the examination and approval of candidates, in the promotional and educational tasks pertinent to the work of the Mission and in the arrangements necessary for sending forth missionary workers, and to acquire property, real and personal, necessary or convenient, to be used in connection with these objectives. The missionaries appointed by the Mission and all employees of it shall be characterized by settled doctrinal convictions based on the Mission's Statement of Faith, a life of personal separation, and zeal for service.

Without limitation, this Mission is empowered to:

- (a) Exercise all rights, powers, and privileges, and perform all duties of this Mission as from time to time set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws or Principles and Policies, and all Supplemental Declarations thereto, the terms and provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference.
  - (b) In any lawful manner, acquire, own, hold, improve,

manage, operate, maintain, convey, sell, lease, transfer, assign, and otherwise dispose of property of any nature whatsoever, real, personal, or mixed, tangible or intangible, in connection with this Mission's affairs.

- (C) Pay all costs, expenses, and obligations lawfully incurred in connection with this Mission's affairs, including, without limitation, all licenses, taxes, or other governmental charges levied or imposed against this Mission's property.
- (d) Borrow money and, with the approval of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Board of Directors, mortgage, pledge, deed in trust, hypothecate, assign, grant security interests in, or otherwise transfer any and all of its property as security for money borrowed, debts incurred, or any of its other obligations.
- (e) Dedicate, sell, or transfer all or any part of its property to any public agency, authority, or utility for such purposes and subject to such conditions as are agreed to by the members. No such dedication or transfer of this Mission's real property shall be effective until the instrument of dedication or transfer is executed by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members of the Board of Directors with the formalities from time to time required for a deed under the laws of the State of Florida.
- (f) Participate in mergers and consolidations with other non-profit corporations organized for similar purposes; provided that any such merger or consolidation is approved by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members of the Board of Directors.
- (g) From time to time adopt, alter, amend, rescind and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the properties of the Mission consistent with the rights and duties established by the Mission, and any applicable Supplemental Declaration, and these Articles.
- (h) Have and exercise all rights, powers, and privileges that a corporation not for profit may now or hereafter have or exercise under the laws of the State of Florida, together with all other rights, powers, and privileges reasonably to be implied from the existence of any right, power, or privilege so granted, or granted by these Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws or Principles and Policies, any Supplemental Declaration thereto, as reasonably necessary to effectuate the exercise of any right, power, or privilege so granted.
- (i) Enforce in its own name all provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws or Principles and Policies, and any Supplemental Declarat on thereto.

### ARTICLE IV

#### ORGANIZATION

# 1. Organization of the Board of Directors

A total of not less than five (5) shall comprise the Board of Directors, and this Board shall have complete charge over all other affairs of the Mission, as directed by these Articles and such By-Laws or Principles and Policies as may be adopted from time to time.

# 2. Qualifications of Directors and Officers

Persons elected to serve as Directors and Officers shall be regenerated believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who maintain a life of consistent separation unto God. Further, they shall be members of Bible-Believing Churches, practicing tithers, and shall hold such convictions as are expressed in the By-Laws or Principles and Policies and any amendments thereto.

### 3. Election of Officers

A President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually elected by vote of the Board of Directors and shall serve as Officers of the Mission. A General Director and a Missionary Secretary shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors as needed. They shall serve as members of the Board of Directors.

# 4. Election of Directors

- (a) At the annual meeting held after the adoption of the ByLaws, an election by ballot shall be held by the members of no less than five directors; one-third shall be elected for a term of one year, one-third for a term of two years, and one-third for a term of three years. If there should be a number that cannot be divided by three, then the extra number of directors shall serve three year terms.
- (b) At each subsequent annual meeting, an equal number of directors equal to those whose terms have expired shall be elected for the term of three years. At the expiration of any term of three years, any director may be re-elected.
- (c) Unexpired vacancies shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

# 5. Expenses of Directors

Actual cost of expenses by the Directors incurred in traveling to and from Board sessions shall be defrayed by the Mission, as funds are available. Other expenses of Board sessions shall be borne by the Mission.

# 6. General Director

The General Director shall supervise and coordinate all activities of this Mission, and shall serve as the executive officer for all legal and official business of the Mission, and shall be supervise the Mission office and publications, and who shall be responsible for the safekeeping of official records of all Board and Committee actions. The General Director shall submit regular reports to the Board of Directors.

# 7. Missionary Secretary

The Missionary Secretary shall supervise the examination of new fields, the distribution of prayer requests and promotional materials of the mission and its missionary workers, and the needs of personnel on fields being served as directed and authorized by the Board. The Missionary Secretary shall submit regular reports of these matters to the Board of Directors.

8. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors of the mission are as follows:

#### NAME ADDRESS Robert E. Swann 5015 Baggett Place (Term: 3 Years) Cocoa, FL 32926 Rev. Richard W. Carr South Dale Alliance Church (Term: 3 Years) 29501 S.W. 152nd Avenue Leisure City, FL 33033 Silvane E. Swann 5015 Baggett Place (Term: L Years) Cocoa, FL 32926 David Durden 2406 Cherbourg Drive (Term: \_\_\_\_Years) Cocoa, FL 32926 John W. Mansur 4195 Sparrow Hawk Road (Term: \_\_/\_\_Years) Melbourne, FL 32934

#### ARTICLE V

### **OFFICERS**

The names and addresses of the initial officers of the Mission are:

### NAME

Robert E. Swann (Position: President and General Director)

# **ADDRESS**

5015 Baggett Place Cocoa, FL 32926

Rev. Richard W. Carr (Position: Vice President)

South Dale Alliance Church 29501 S.W. 152nd Avenue Leisure City, FL 33033

Silvane E. Swann (Position: Missionary Secretary) Cocoa, FL 32926

5015 Baggett Place

Danella Kerstetter (Position: Secretary)

4675 N. Friday Circle Cocoa, FL 32926

Danny George (Position: Treasurer) 985 Pelican Lane Rockledge, FL 32955

The initial officers of the Mission shall serve until the first election held under the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws or Principles and Policies, or any amendments thereto.

# ARTICLE VI

### SUBSCRIBERS

The names and addresses of the Subscribers of the Mission are:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Robert E. Swann	5015 Baggett Place Cocoa, FL 32926
Rev. Richard W. Carr	South Dale Alliance Church 29501 S.W. 152nd Avenue Leisure City, FL 33033
Silvane E. Swann	5015 Baggett Place

Cocoa, FL 32926

David Durden 2406 Cherbourg Drive Cocoa, FL 32926

John W. Mansur 4195 Sparrow Hawk Road Melbourne, FL 32934

### ARTICLE VII

#### MEETINGS

# 1. Meeting of the Board:

The Board of Directors shall normally have at least two meetings annually, one of which shall be designated as the Annual Meeting. Special business meetings may be called at the discretion of the  $P_{-}$  ident or the Executive Committee, providing a ten day written notice is given to the individual Board members, with the particulars of the meeting stated. Three members of the Board of

Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

# 2. Rules of Order:

All meetings of the Mission shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, except where the By-Laws, Principles and Policies specifically provide otherwise.

## ARTICLE VIII

### **BYLAWS**

This Mission's By-Laws initially will be adopted by the Board of Directors. Thereafter, the By-Laws may be altered, amended, or rescinded by a majority vote of a quorum of Board members present at any regular or special meeting duly called and convened.

#### ARTICLE IX

# STANDING COMMITTEES

# 1. Executive Committee:

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Mission, the chairman of each of the standing committees of the Mission, and retiring President of the Mission (if he so elects), all who shall serve in an ex-officio capacity for one year, and in ex-officio capacity without voting rights, the General Director and Missionary Secretary. The President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary of the Mission shall serve as officers of the Committee.

The Executive Committee shall function to execute such business as may be committed to it by the Board of Directors. It shall be responsible for a program of missionary education, recommending agenda for Board sessions, and acting upon all emergencies pertaining to the work of the Mission which mar arise and demand attention between regular meetings of the Board of Directors.

### 2. Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee shall be composed of the Directors, one of whom shall be the Treasurer of the Mission, and two others of whom shall be designated by the Board of Directors as the chairman and the secretary of the Committee respectively. It shall annually prepared a budget for the Mission and submit it to the Board for adoption, and be responsible for the supervision of the same. It shall counsel with the Treasurer regarding all investments of the Mission, consider all matters pertaining to the finances of the Mission, and perform such other duties as may be designated by the Board. It shall pass upon the bond given the Mission Secretary, if any. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, all loans made by the Mission shall be subject to the approval and

administration of the Finance Committee.

### 3. Fields Committee:

The Fields Committee shall be composed of not less than three (3) Directors, one of whom shall be designated by the board as chairman. the number of this Committee shall be increased, and the Committee shall be divided into sub-committees according as the number of mission fields and their detailed concerns may require. It shall be considered desirable to involve as many Directors as possible in Field Committee interests. The Committee, as a unit, or through its sub-committees shall study the needs of the fields, review the work of each missionary on furlough, and make studied recommendations to the Board. The Committee shall take full advantage of counsel with the Missionary Secretary and General Director.

## 4. Candidate Committee:

The Candidate Committee shall be composed of the Directors, one of whom shall be designated by the Board as chairman. This Committee shall be responsible for soliciting and reviewing missionary applications; providing such information regarding field requirements and personnel qualified personnel for Board consideration.

# 5. Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee, composed of the Directors, shall be appointed by the president to serve for one year or until another committee is appointed. He shall name the chairman, and his appointments shall be ratified by the Board of Directors at lease sixty (60) days prior to the annual Meeting of the Directors.

This Committee shall present a slate of Officers and Directors, who shall be qualified as outlined in these Articles, and who would be available to serve the Lord and the Mission as desired, if elected. All persons nominated shall be contacted prior to elections to assure their agreement to serve, if elected.

The report of the Nominating Committee relating to Officers and Directors shall be made to the members of the Board who terms of office have not expired, and after opportunity is given for further nominations from the floor, an election shall be held by ballot.

The Nominating Committee shall be responsible as a unit or through designated persons of its number, to investigate and guarantee qualifications of nominees in all elections.

### ARTICLE X

### **AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed and adopted in the manner from time to time provided by the laws of the State of

Florida, except that each such amendment must have the approval of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members of the Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE XI

### **APPROVAL**

Unless the context expressly required only the approval of those members of the Board of Directors present and voting, any provision of these Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws or Principles and Policies, and any amendments thereto, that requires the approval of a specified percentage of those members entitled to cast the requisite percentage of the total votes eligible to be case, can be amended.

Any action that may be taken at any Board meeting, including any Extraordinary Actinon enumerated in this Article, may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice, and without a vote if: (i) written consent, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by those members of the Board of Directors entitled to exercise not less than the minimum numbers of votes necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting; and (ii) within 10 days after obtaining such written consent, notice thereof is given to those members who have not so consented in writing.

An instrument signed by any executive officer of this Association, and attested by this mission's Secretary under this Mission's seal, is conclusive that any required approval has been obtained in the manner provided in these Articles as to persons without actual knowledge to the contrary.

### ARTICLE XII

#### DISSOLUTION

This Association may be dissolved in the manner form time to time provided by the laws of the State of Florida and with the approval of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members of the Board of Directors. Upon dissolution of this Associating in any manner other than incident to a merger or consolidation, all of this Mission's assets must be dedicated to an appropriate agency to be used for purposes similar to those for which this Association was created. If such dedication is refused, such assets must be granted, conveyed, and assigned to any non-profit corporation, association, trust or other organization to be devoted to such similar purposes, but in no event may any assets inure to the benefit of any member or other private individual.

### ARTICLE XIII

# COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

The corporation is to commence its corporate existence on the date of filing of the Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary

of the State of Florida and shall exist perpetually thereafter until dissolved according to law.

### ARTICLE XIV

### INTERPRETATION

Express reference is made hereby to the terms and provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, Principles and Policies where necessary to interpret, construe, and clarify the provisions of these Articles. Without limitation, all terms defined in the By-Laws, Principles and Policies have the same meaning where used in these Articles. By subscribing and filing these Articles, the Incorporators/Subscribers intend its provisions to be consistent with and to be interpreted, construed, and applied with those of the By-Laws, Principles and Policies, and any amendments thereto, to avoid inconsistencies or conflicting results.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators/subscribers have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 19th day of February, 1996.

Rev. Richard W. Carr

Robert E. Swann

Silvane E. Swann

David Durden

John W. Mansur

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BREVARD

Before me, the undersigned authority, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared REV. RICHARD W. CARR, ROBERT E. SWANN, SILVANE E. SWANN, DAVID DURDEN and JOHN W. MANSUR, known to me and known by me to be the persons who executed the foregoing articles of incorporation, and they acknowledged before me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purposes therein expressed.

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WITNESS my hand and official seal this gird day of February,

1996, at Cocoa, Florida.

Notary Public \
My commission expires:

DIANA ELIZABETH HENDREN

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# **ACCEPTANCE**

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 provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

ROBERT E. SWANN Registered Agent