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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**ST. MARKS AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INC.  
a Florida non-profit corporation**

The undersigned, REVEREND RON NELSON, SR., CLEMMIE PREYER and KAREN IRBY, subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, being natural persons over the age of eighteen (18) years of age, competent to contract, hereby presents these Articles for the formation of a Nonprofit Corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I  
NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of the Corporation shall be ST. MARKS AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INC.

**ARTICLE II  
NOT FOR PROFIT**

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida. The Corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the Corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Members, Trustees or Officers, except to the extent permissible by law.

**ARTICLE III  
PURPOSES**

The Corporation is organized, and shall be operated exclusively for, the following purposes:

3.1 To operate, manage and administer a church for religious, educational and charitable functions and purposes.

3.2 To lease, purchase or otherwise acquire real property and personal property to be utilized for religious, educational and charitable purposes.

3.3 To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations, including without limitation the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of such property and the income, principal and proceeds of such property, for any of the purposes set forth herein.

3.4 To do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the Corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish them.

**ARTICLE IV.  
LIMITATION**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Trustees or Officers, but 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, above.

**ARTICLE V.  
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The principal place of business and initial registered office of the Corporation shall be as follows

2232 - 62nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712

located in Pinellas County, Florida, but the Corporation shall have the power to establish branch offices and other places of businesses at such other place or places within or without the State of Florida as may be determined and deemed expedient.

**ARTICLE VI.  
REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial registered agent of the Corporation shall be the following named person at the following address:

NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT: David A. Bacon, Esquire

ADDRESS OF REGISTERED AGENT: 2959 First Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33713

**ARTICLE VII.  
MEMBERS**

The Corporation shall have one class of members who shall be granted voting privileges and such further rights and privileges as shall be specifically stated in the By-Laws of the Corporation. The name of all members shall be recorded in a written membership and shall be maintained as part of the official records of the Corporation, which membership book shall contain, in alphabetical order, the name and address of each member.

The name and address of each initial member of the Corporation are stated below:

NAME	ADDRESS
Reverend Ron Nelson, Sr.	738 Parkhill Avenue Lakeland, FL 33801

Mrs. Clemmie Preyer

2590 Granada Circle East  
St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Mrs. Karen Irby

6149 - 27th Street South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33712

## **ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The management and administration of the Corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors. The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is three (3). The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three. The Members shall elect the members to the Board of Directors annually.

The name and address of each initial member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation are stated below:

NAME	ADDRESS
Reverend Ron Nelson, Sr.	738 Parkhill Avenue Lakeland, FL 33801
Mrs. Clemmie Preyer	2590 Granada Circle East St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Mrs. Karen Irby	6149 - 27th Street South St. Petersburg, FL 33712

## **ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS OF CORPORATION**

The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other Officers and Assistant Officers as may be provided in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors and may be removed by the Board of Directors at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws. The name and address of each initial Officer of the Corporation is as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
Reverend Ron Nelson, Sr.	738 Parkhill Avenue Lakeland, FL 33801
Mrs. Clemmie Preyer	2590 Granada Circle East St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Mrs. Karen Irby

6149 - 27th Street South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33712

**ARTICLE X.  
SUBSCRIBERS OF CORPORATION**

The name and post office address of each subscriber to the Articles of Incorporation are as follows,  
to-wit:

NAME	ADDRESS
Reverend Ron Nelson, Sr.	738 Parkhill Avenue Lakeland, FL 33801
Mrs. Clemmie Preyer	2590 Granada Circle East St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Mrs. Karen Irby	6149 - 27th Street South St. Petersburg, FL 33712

**ARTICLE XI.  
DATE OF EXISTENCE**

It is specified that the date when corporate existence of this Corporation shall commence is the date of filing by the Secretary of State of these Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE XII.  
BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the Corporation are to be made and adopted by the Board of Directors, and may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE XIII.  
AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon Members, Trustees and Officers are subject to this reservation. The Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida, as amended from time to time, unless more specific provisions for amendments are adopted by the Corporation pursuant to law.

**ARTICLES XIV.  
INDEMNIFICATION**


The Corporation shall indemnify each Officer and Trustee, including former Officers and Trustees, to the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of Florida.

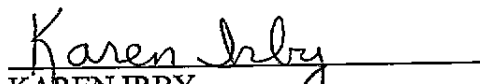
**ARTICLE XV.  
NONSTOCK BASIS**

This Corporation is organized on a nonstock basis. This Corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned, have hereunto set our hands and seals, acknowledged and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, under the laws of the State of Florida, this 9 day of April, 1998.

  
REVEREND RON NELSON, SR.

  
CLEMMIE PREYER

  
KAREN IRBY

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COUNTY OF PINELLAS

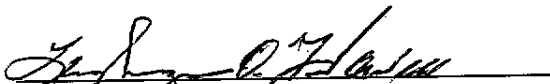
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, REVEREND RON NELSON, SR., to me well known and known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, for and on behalf of said Corporation and under its corporate seal, and he acknowledged before me that he signed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1998.

My Commission Expires:



Leighwynn O. Howell  
MY COMMISSION # CG653013 EXPIRES  
June 17, 2001  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

  
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STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, CLEMMIE PREYER, to me well known and known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, for and on behalf of said Corporation and under its corporate seal, and she acknowledged before me that he signed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1998.

My Commission Expires:



Leighwynn O. Howell  
MY COMMISSION # CC653013 EXPIRES  
June 17, 2001  
BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

Leighwynn O. Howell  
Notary Public

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, KAREN IRBY, to me well known and known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, for and on behalf of said Corporation and under its corporate seal, and she acknowledged before me that he signed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal at St. Petersburg, Pinellas County, Florida, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1998.

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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as registered agent of ST. MARK AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, INC., which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

Dated this 22 day of April, 1998.

DAVID A. BACON  
DAVID A. BACON, Esquire