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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF GREAT COMMISSION FOUNDATION, INC. (A CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT)

We, the undersigned, acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of State of Florida, for the purposes of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation.

### ARTICLE I NAME

EFFECTIVE DATE

The name of this corporation shall be Great Commission Foundation, Inc.

## ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND ADDRESS

The address of the principal office of the corporation is 4720 Cleveland Heights Blvd., Lakeland, Florida 33803, and the mailing address is the same.

#### ARTICLE III PURPOSE

- A. The corporation is established as a tax-exempt private foundation, as provided by the Internal Revenue Code, and its purposes shall be the following:
- 1. To develop home missions, assist in the start up of new churches, and support small troubled churches through ministerial, financial, and personnel support.
- 2. To acquire real and personal property by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, and to hold, own, accept, manage, mortgage, lease, convey and dispose of the same as may be reasonably necessary for the stated objects and purposes of this Corporation.
- 3. To receive grants, gifts of money or property from foundations or other public and private institutions or individuals where the same would be consistent with the stated objects and purposes of the Corporation.
  - 4. To assist Nazarene Churches in their planning and growth.
  - 5. To have one or more offices and to conduct operations and to promote the

objects and purposes of the organization,

- 6. To exercise any and all corporate powers conferred by law which are consistent with and reasonably necessary and incidental to the objects and purposes of this organization, except that no powers will be exercised or activities engaged in otherwise than to an insubstantial extent, which in themselves are not in furtherance of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, its rules and regulations, all as amended now or hereafter.
- B. The purposes for which the corporation is to be formed are exclusively to receive and administer funds for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and to that end to hold any property, or any undivided interest in property, without limitation as to amount or value; to dispose of any such property and to invest, reinvest, or deal with the principal or the income in such a manner as, in the judgment of the directors, will best promote the purposes of the corporation without limitation, except such limitations as may be contained in the instrument under which such property is received, these Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of the corporation, or any applicable laws; to do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its directors or officers except as permitted under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.
- C. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, member, trustee, officer or the corporation or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, trustee, officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. 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 candidate for public office.
- D. The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws. However, during the first four years of the corporation's existence, the corporation's annual distributions shall not exceed the amount which must be distributed in order to avoid the tax on undistributed income.
- E. The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

- F. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- G. The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- H. The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- I. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and its regulations as they now exist or as they may be amended, or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- J. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to a charitable, scientific, religious, literary, or educational organization which at that time qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may be amended.

## ARTICLE IV DURATION

The corporation shall commence existence on July 1, 1999, and shall have perpetual duration.

#### ARTICLE V INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

NAME: ADDRESS:

Charles Davis 110 Covington Cove S.E., Winter Haven, FL 33884

Larry Dennis 2004 Count Ct., Lakeland, FL 33813

Stephen Egidio

4409 Hardenoak Trail, Lakeland, FL 33813-1537

#### ARTICLE VI REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial registered office of the corporation shall be located at 100 E. Main Street, Lakeland, Florida 33801. The initial registered agent at the address shall be Dennis P. Johnson, Esquire.

### ARTICLE VII DIRECTORS

The affairs and property of this corporation shall be managed and governed by a Board of Directors, composed of five (5) individuals. The Directors of the corporation including the Chairman, shall be elected by a majority vote of the members of the District Advisory Board of the Central Florida District Church of the Nazarene, and shall include the District Superintendent as a member of the Board.

The following individuals shall constitute the initial Board of Directors, and shall serve until the first election of the Board of Directors at the first regular annual meeting of the members:

TITLE	NAME	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Ex-officio District Superintendent	Gene Fuller	4642 Highlands Place Drive Lakeland, FL 33813
President	Paul Wilder	13201 Belcher Rd. Largo, FL 33773
Vice President	Charles Davis	110 Covington Cove S.E. Winter Haven, FL 33884
Secretary/Treasurer	Ray Moats	5017 Lake-In-The-Woods Lakeland, FL 33813
Board Member	Larry Dennis	2004 Count Ct. Lakeland, FL 33813

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersign	ned, as incorporators, hereby execute these Articles
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STATE OF FLORIDA	
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Before me, the undersigned authority, an	officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take
	LES DAVIS, who is personally known to me or
who []has produced	as identification.
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WITNESS my hand and official seal thi	s 25 day of June, 1999, at Lakeland, Florida.
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	Notary Public / )
	State of Florida at Large
	My Commission Expires:



SHARON E. GAY Notary Public, State of Florida My Comm. Exp. Mar. 20, 2003 Comm. No. CC 808462 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as incorporators, hereby execute these Articles of Incorporation this day of June, 1999.

LARRY DENNIS

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

Before me, the undersigned authority, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared LARRY DENNIS, who [] is personally known to me or who [] has produced \_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 25 day of June, 1999 at Lakeland, Florida.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)



State of Florida at Large My Commission Expires:

SHARON E. GAY Notary Public, State of Florida My Comm. Exp. Mar. 20, 2003 Comm. No. CC 806462 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as incorporators, hereby execute these Articles of Incorporation this 25 day of June, 1999.

STEPHEN EGIDIO

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POLK

Before me, the undersigned authority, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared STEPHEN EGIDIO, who [] is personally known to me or who [] has produced \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 25 day of June, 1999, at Lakeland

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To: The Department of State
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

## CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA AND NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In compliance with Section 617.0501 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, the following is submitted:

Great Commission Foundation, Inc., with its place of business at 4720 Cleveland Heights Blvd., Lakeland, Florida 33803, has named Dennis P. Johnson, Esquire, located at 100 E. Main Street, Lakeland, Florida 33801, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

Dated: June 35, 1999.

CHARLES DAVIS

LARRY DENNIS

STEPHEN EGIDIO

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of Chapter 617 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

Dated Tune 35, 1999.

ernis P. Johnson Esquire

Registered Agent