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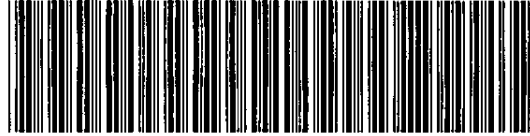
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TO: Amendment Section
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NAME OF CORPORATION: Mandarin Christian Church of Jacksonville FL Inc.

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 727048

The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Mary Morrison

(Name of Contact Person)

Mandarin Christian Church

(Firm/ Company)

6045 Greenland Road

(Address)

Jacksonville FL 32258

(City/ State and Zip Code)

marym@ccontheweb.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Mary Morrison

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(Name of Contact Person)

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Enclosed is a check for the following amount made payable to the Florida Department of State:

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Division of Corporations
Clifton Building
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Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of

Mandarin Christian Church of Jacksonville FL Inc.

(Name of Corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

727048

(Document Number of Corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

A. If amending name, enter the new name of the corporation:

N/A

The new name must be distinguishable and contain the word "corporation" or "incorporated" or the abbreviation "Corp." or "Inc." "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name.

B. Enter new principal office address, if applicable:

(Principal office address MUST BE A STREET ADDRESS)

N/A

C. Enter new mailing address, if applicable:

(Mailing address MAY BE A POST OFFICE BOX)

N/A

D. If amending the registered agent and/or registered office address in Florida, enter the name of the new registered agent and/or the new registered office address:

Name of New Registered Agent: N/A

(Florida street address)

New Registered Office Address:

(City)

Florida

(Zip Code)

New Registered Agent's Signature, if changing Registered Agent:

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent. I am familiar with and accept the obligations of the position.

Signature of New Registered Agent, if changing

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If amending the Officers and/or Directors, enter the title and name of each officer/director being removed and title, name, and address of each Officer and/or Director being added:

(Attach additional sheets, if necessary)

Please note the officer/director title by the first letter of the office title:

P = President; V = Vice President; T = Treasurer; S = Secretary; D = Director; TR = Trustee; C = Chairman or Clerk; CEO = Chief Executive Officer; CFO = Chief Financial Officer. If an officer/director holds more than one title, list the first letter of each office held. President, Treasurer, Director would be PTD.

Changes should be noted in the following manner. Currently John Doe is listed as the PST and Mike Jones is listed as the V. There is a change, Mike Jones leaves the corporation, Sally Smith is named the V and S. These should be noted as John Doe, PT as a Change, Mike Jones, V as Remove, and Sally Smith, SV as an Add.

Example:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>PT</u>	<u>John Doe</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remove	<u>V</u>	<u>Mike Jones</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add	<u>SV</u>	<u>Sally Smith</u>

<u>Type of Action</u> (Check One)	<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
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E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:
(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

Restated / Amended all Articles to define who we are as a church.

The date of each amendment(s) adoption: _____, if other than the date this document was signed.

Effective date if applicable: _____
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

Note: If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)

- ☒ The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment(s) was/were sufficient for approval.
- ☐ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment(s). The amendment(s) was/were adopted by the board of directors.

Dated July 1, 2015 _____

Signature William Anderson
(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer-if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator – if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary by that fiduciary)

William Anderson

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

Vice Chairman

(Title of person signing)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MANDARIN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ARTICLE I – Name and Location

The name of this corporation shall be Mandarin Christian Church and its location shall be Jacksonville, Florida.

ARTICLE II – Purpose

The purpose and general nature of this corporation as an organization of Christians shall be the maintenance, promotion, teaching and generally furthering the church, religion and Gospel of Jesus Christ and the advancing of His kingdom throughout the world as set forth in that portion of Holy Scripture known as the New Testament, and more particularly to own and maintain facilities for public worship and to provide for worship and religious instruction and other Christian activities. To this end it shall have and exercise any and all of the rights of a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE III – Authority and Autonomy

This corporation recognizes the Bible as the Word of God and the New Testament as its authority in matters pertaining to the Church. It declares itself to be a free, independent, and autonomous body, claiming the right to free government and not subservient to nor recognizing authority or control of any outside ecclesiastical or religious body, society, or creed of a local, state, national, or world nature, other than the Bible and the Bible alone. The authority of the Biblical scriptures will be interpreted and incorporated by the eldership of the Church.

ARTICLE IV – Membership/Fellowship

SECTION 1. Fellowship with the congregation is open to all who wish to attend public worship services and do not disturb the peace and harmony of the congregation.

SECTION 2. Membership shall consist of those people desiring membership who have complied with the following terms as required by New Testament teachings and examples:

- A. Repentance of sins and the decision to accept Jesus Christ as the Lord of their lives and to obey His revealed will to the very best of their ability.
- B. Baptism, which is the full immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for the remission of sin.
- C. Successful completion of a new member's class as required.

SECTION 3. Any person may become a member of this church upon attestation of previous compliance with the above.

ARTICLE V – Term of Existence

The term for which the corporation shall exist shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VI – Officers

SECTION 1. Elders: The elders shall be members of the congregation, who, in the opinion of the membership, best meet the scriptural qualifications of I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9. Their duties shall be as prescribed in the New Testament, to oversee the congregation and to be shepherds of the Church. The Board of Elders shall not consist of less than two men.

SECTION 2. Trustees: The trustees (or Board of Directors) of the church shall be the treasurer, chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, of the Board of Elders. The trustees shall exercise the corporate powers of the church under the direction and control of the congregation through the Board of Elders. They shall execute on behalf of the church all legal documents and discharge such other duties as the laws of the State of Florida may require. Any three of the four trustees are authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation.

SECTION 3. General requirements: No man shall be elected as elder who has not been a member of the congregation for at least one year prior to the date of the election. Men selected for the office of elder for the first time in this congregation shall be set apart by an ordination service conforming to the New Testament practice.

ARTICLE VII – Nominations and Elections

SECTION 1. Elder: Each year, the congregation shall be invited to submit nominations for the position of elder. The nomination form must be signed by the nominator and submitted to the nominating committee following the next regular morning worship service. The nominating committee shall consist of at least three elders, appointed by the chairman of the elders, and the senior minister. The nominating committee will screen the nominees, and the elders will present a list of names to the congregation two weeks prior to the election.

SECTION 2. Terms: An elder may be elected for a term of 1, 2, or 3, years, and may not serve for more than 4 consecutive years without taking a 1 year furlough from the eldership.

SECTION 3. Officers: The nominating committee will nominate individuals for the offices of the trustees. The trustees will be elected by the Board of Elders.

SECTION 4. Election: Names for the nominees for elder will be placed on a printed ballot and voted on at the annual congregational meeting. Election shall require a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of votes cast.

SECTION 5: Voting privileges shall be extended to active members 16 years of age or older who are in attendance at the congregational meeting. Any member who is absent from the church services for 3 months or more, except for sickness or temporary absence from the community, will not be considered an active member.

ARTICLE VIII – Leadership

All those under consideration for other leadership roles within the church congregation must be approved by the Elders of the church. They shall be chosen from among the members who have demonstrated consistency with the beliefs and practices of the church, loyalty, responsibility, and accountability in their actions and have prepared their hearts to serve God and his church.

ARTICLE IX – Meetings

SECTION 1. Annual Meeting:

- A. An annual congregational meeting will be held in December.
- B. The church budget and nominees for the office of elder shall be presented by the elders to the congregation for approval.
- C. Other business of the congregation may be acted upon as presented by the elders.
- D. Election of elders shall require a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the votes cast, and shall be by secret ballot. Other issues may be decided by majority vote, and may be by voice vote at the discretion of the congregation.


SECTION 2. Special congregational meetings: Special meetings may be called by a majority of the elders. Business requiring a congregational meeting includes, but is not limited to:

- A. Purchase, sale, or mortgage of real property.
- B. Commitment of the congregation to a long term debt.
- C. Calling or dismissing the senior minister.
- D. Revision to or amendment of the Constitution and By-Laws.

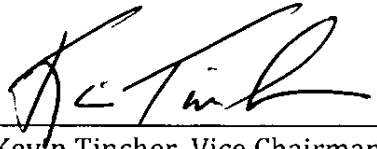
The above issues require a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the votes cast to be approved. All other issues shall be decided by majority vote, and may be by voice vote at the discretion of the congregation.

THESE BYLAWS WERE APPROVED BY A 98% VOTE OF THE CONGREGATION ON
DECEMBER 6, 1992.

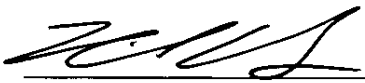
THESE BYLAWS WERE AMENDED ON DECEMBER 7, 2014 BY A 96.6% VOTE OF
THE CONGREGATION.




Jim Watts, Chairman



Kevin Tincher, Vice Chairman



Nick Edwards, Treasurer



Bill Anderson, Secretary