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TO: Amendment Section
Division of Corporations

NAME OF CORPORATION: NEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

DOCUMENT NUMBER: N00000001028

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

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

PASTOR LEONARD S. COOPER JR.

(Name of Contact Person)

NEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

(Firm/ Company)

300 NW 123RD STREET

(Address)

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33168

(City/ State and Zip Code)

LCOOPER300@GMAIL.COM

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

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

PASTOR LEONARD S. COOPER JR.

(Name of Contact Person)

305 305-8107

(Area Code) (Daytime Telephone Number)

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

- \$35 Filing Fee
- \$43.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status
- \$43.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy (Additional copy is enclosed)
- \$52.50 Filing Fee Certificate of Status Certified Copy (Additional Copy is Enclosed)

Mailing Address

Amendment Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
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Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of

NEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

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

N00000001028

(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:

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**)*

1990 ALI-BABA AVENUE

OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA 33054

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

New Registered Office Address: _____
(Florida street address)

N/A, Florida
(City) (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>
1) <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove	<u>CFO</u>	<u>Christina Lopez</u>	<u>300 NW 123rd Street</u> <u>Miami, FL 33168</u>
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove	<u>TR</u>	<u>Evelyn Mason</u>	<u>3301 NW 154th Terrace</u> <u>Miami Gardens, Florida 33054</u>
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Change <input type="checkbox"/> Add <input type="checkbox"/> Remove	_____	<u>N/A</u>	_____
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E. If amending or adding additional Articles, enter change(s) here:

(attach additional sheets, if necessary). (Be specific)

ARTICLE III - CHANGED (see attached)

ARTICLE IV - ADDED (see attached)

ARTICLE V - ADDED (see attached)

ARTICLE VI - ADDED (see attached)

ARTICLE VII - ADDED (see attached)

ARTICLE VIII - ADDED (see attached)

DECLARATION - ADDED (see attached)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - ADDED (see attached)

ATTEST - ADDED (see attached)

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The date of each amendment(s) adoption: APRIL 16th, 2023, if other than the date this document was signed.

Effective date if applicable: APRIL 16th, 2023
(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 APRIL 16th, 2023

Signature *Pastor Leonard S. Cooper Jr.*
(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)

PASTOR LEONARD S. COOPER JR.

(Typed or printed name of person signing)


PRESIDENT

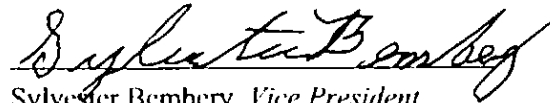
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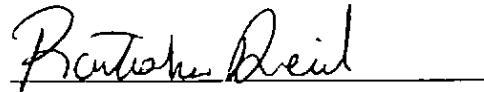
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Officers/Directors of **NEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.** and the Officers/Directors named in these Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation on April 16, 2023.


OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

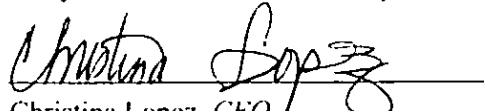

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ARTICLES of AMENDMENT
to
ARTICLES of INCORPORATION
of
NEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this corporation is: **NEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.**

ARTICLE II
LOCATION

The place in Florida where the principal office of the corporation is located:
Miami Dade County; 1990 Ali Baba Avenue Opa-Locka, FL 33054

ARTICLE III
PURPOSE(S)

The purposes for which said corporation is:

To disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God, to the end that people may be evangelized and believers may be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ; (*Mark 16:15-16, Isaiah 6:8, Acts 13:47, II Corinthians 5:20*) to regularly assemble for fellowship to worship God in Spirit and in Truth (*John 4:24; Hebrews 10:25*) and to cooperate in the building up of the whole Body of Christ. (*Ephesians 2:19-22*).

- A. This organization is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes.
- B. The specific mission and vision for which this corporation is organized include, but are not limited to community development, economic development, and social development in the City of Opa-Locka, FL, and Miami Dade County; building a community, to serve a community, to save a community through church services and community outreach ministries promoting projects and development programs that will assist and enable persons how to have a better quality of life.
- C. To provide church services that will (I) train and develop youth and young adults under parental support; to promote Christian morals and values through esteem programs (i.e., summer camps, youth retreats, youth revivals, etc.) for development; (II) incorporate programs and services which entails partnering with local churches, community organizations, local city and county governmental entities for support and assistance.
- D. To provide ministry to the poor and lost according to (*Matthew 25:34-40; Galatians 6:10; Mark 14:7*); such as a feed the hungry soup kitchen, food pantry, clothes closet, sick and shut-in ministry, prison ministry, shelter for the homeless, etc.

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**ARTICLE VI
EXEMPT PURPOSES**

The corporation is organized exclusively for religious purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

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 its purposes. 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.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170©(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Trustees shall, after paying or making provisions for the payments of all 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 such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Trustees shall determine.

ARTICLE V

**ARTICLES of AMENDMENTS
to
ARTICLES of INCORPORATION**

Articles of Amendments to Articles of Incorporation were proposed and adopted by the Officers/Directors. After notification to the Officers/Directors of the proposed amendments, such amendments were adopted by the Officers/Directors by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Officers/Directors present and voting at a meeting at which a quorum was present. The manner in which the Officers/Directors are elected is by vote.

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**ARTICLE VI
CHURCH SOVEREIGNTY**

The church is a sovereign body, and the regulation of the internal affairs of the church is governed by the provisions of the Bylaws of the Church.

To assure the church of its sovereignty and independence and to perpetually protect the church, all ecclesiastical and legal power and authority relative to the church shall be exercised by and in accordance with the New Testament Church pattern. Thus, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit the Officers/Directors shall conduct all the business of the church and shall be the only voting members of the church.

The Pastor of New Missionary Baptist Church shall have the right to determine who may attend church meetings and functions, because this church is not a public institution, and its property is not a public place. (*Acts 20:28-31; II Peter 2:1-3; I Timothy 1:20, 6:5, I Corinthians 5:1-13, II Thessalonians 3:6-15, II John 9-11, II Timothy 3:105, Titus 3:10-11, Romans 16:17*).

The church maintains that it has a divine mandate to practice its religion as dictated by God. Scripture states explicitly that Jesus Christ is Head of the church. (*Ephesians 5:23, Colossians 1:18*) "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (*Galatians 3:28*) In Christ all ethnic, social, and cultural distinctions blend together harmoniously to enrich His love in New Missionary Baptist Church. We therefore will extend our Christian love to "whosoever will." (*Revelation 22:17*) Therefore, we categorically reject any and all claims by the state (civil government) to headship or sovereignty over New Missionary Baptist Church. (*Exodus 8, 9 and 10, Daniel 3 and 6*) When earthly governments overstep their boundaries by seeking to restrict, hamper, or limit the church's obedience to Christ, we must and will obey God rather than man. (*Acts 4:19, 5:29*)

**ARTICLE VII
MEMBERSHIP/FELLOWSHIP**

The following shall be the conditions and regulations of membership/fellowship.

The conditions and regulations of membership/fellowship and the rights, duties, and other privileges of membership/fellowship shall be determined and fixed by the Bylaws. The Officers/Directors shall have the power and authority to provide for any additional qualifications and requirements for membership which shall primarily require a belief in the Christian religion and in the salvation of man by grace through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the church as one Spiritual Body made up of all true believers who voluntarily subscribe to the church's tenets of faith and agree to be governed by the Church's Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 1. CLASSES OF MEMBERS: The membership of the church shall be two (2) classes of membership: members of the congregation (nonvoting) and the Officers/Directors members (voting).

Section 2. VOTING RIGHTS: No members of the congregation shall be entitled to any voting rights, rather, all voting rights and management of the church are reserved in the Officers/Directors.

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Section 3. STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God (*Genesis 1:26-27*). Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person.

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning: the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (*Genesis 2:18-25*). We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a man and a woman who are married to each other (*1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:2-5; Hebrews 13:4*). We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman and is prohibited in this Church and Ministries without compromise.

We believe that any form of sexual immorality (including adultery, fornication, homosexual behavior, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, and use of pornography) is sinful and offensive to God and is prohibited in this Church and Ministries without compromise (*Matthew 15:18-20; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10*).

We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of New Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. as the Body of Christ, and to provide a Biblical role model to the New Missionary Baptist Church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by New Missionary Baptist Church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement on Marriage, Gender, and Sexuality (*Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:22*).

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ (*Acts 3:19-21; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11*).

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity (*Mark 12:28-31; Luke 6:31*). Hatred and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of New Missionary Baptist Church.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

The names and addresses and office held of the persons designated to act as the Officers/Directors of this corporation are:

President:	Pastor Leonard S. Cooper Jr. 300 NW 123 rd Street Miami, FL 33168	Vice President:	Sylvester Bembery 3511 NW 178 th Street Miami Gardens, FL 33056
Secretary:	Betty Ann Cooper 300 NW 123 rd Street Miami, FL 33168	Asst. Secretary:	Rontasha Reid 3301 NW 154 th Terrace Miami Gardens, FL 33054
Treasury:	Mary Bernice Johnson 3020 NW 159 th Street Miami Gardens, FL 33054	Trustee:	Evelyn Mason 3301 NW 154 th Terrace Miami Gardens, FL 33054
CFO:	Christina Lopez 300 NW 123 rd Street Miami, Florida 33168		

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DECLARATION

We are the persons whose names are subscribed below. We collectively are all of the Officers/Directors of **NEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.** and all of the Officers/Directors named in the Articles of Incorporation, and we have executed these Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation. The foregoing Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation are our act and deed, joint and severally.

Executed on April 23, 2023.

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We, and each of us, declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

Pastor Leonard S. Cooper Jr.
Pastor Leonard S. Cooper Jr., *President*

Sylvester Bembery
Sylvester Bembery, *Vice President*

Betty Ann Cooper
Betty Ann Cooper, *Secretary*

Rontasha Reid
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Christina Lopez, *CFO*

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF MIAMI DADE

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, on this 23 day of April, 2023 personally appeared to me known to be the identical persons who executed the forgoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Carolyn Johnson

Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:



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ATTEST:

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MIAMI DADE

Pastor Leonard S. Cooper Jr., of lawful age, being first duly sworn, says: That he is the President or Presiding Officer of the above-mentioned Corporation; and has read the foregoing Certificate and knows the contents thereof and the facts therein set forth are true.

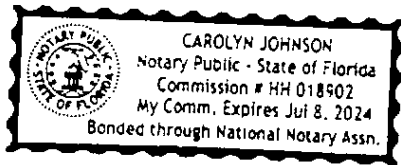
Pastor Leonard S. Cooper Jr.

President

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me, the undersigned Notary Public in and for said County and State, this 23 day of April, 2023.

Carolyn Johnson

Notary Public



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