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SUBJECT: SOZO MINISTRIES, INC.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF

SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED

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The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a Corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be: SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED.

This name SOZO is taken from the Holy Scriptures (i.e. the Bible) where this Greek word is found in the New Testament one hundred and eighteen times (KJV). SOZO embodies all of the following meanings at the same time, as revealed in these few Scriptures that inspired the above mentioned name:

- Salvation

Acts 4:12: *"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given to men by which we must be (sozo) saved."*

Romans 10:9: *"That if you confess with your mouth, 'JESUS IS LORD', and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be (sozo) saved."*

Ephesians 2:8: *"For it is by Grace you have been (sozo) saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."*

- Healing

Matthew 9:22: *"Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has (sozo) healed you.' And the woman was (sozo) healed from that moment."*

Mark 6:56: *"And wherever he went –into villages, towns or countryside- they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged Him to let them touch even the edge of His cloak, and all who touched Him were (sozo) healed."*

Mark 10:52: *" 'Go', said Jesus, 'your faith has (sozo) healed you.' "Immediately, he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road."*

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- **Deliverance/ Cleansing**

Luke 8:36: *"Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been (sozo) cured."*

2 Timothy 4:18: *"The Lord will (sozo) rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen."*

Jude 5 : *Though you already know this, I want to remind you that the Lord (sozo) delivered His people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe.*

Luke 8:50: *"But when Jesus heard of it, He answered him, saying: 'Fear not: believe only and she shall be made (sozo) whole'."*

Luke 17:19: *"...And He said unto him, 'Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee (sozo) whole'."*

The period of the duration of this corporation is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

Psalm 23:6

"⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."

Matthew 28:20

"²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

ARTICLE II

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be:

2361 Cortez Road,

Jacksonville, Florida - 32246

The mailing address of this corporation shall be:

P.O. Box 54405

Jacksonville, Florida - 32245

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ARTICLE III

The name and the street address of the initial registered agent is:

Registered Agent: Elyette C. Maillet
Registered Office: 8667 Heather Run Dr. S.
City, State, Zip: Jacksonville, Florida - 32256

ARTICLE IV

The number constituting the initial Board of Trustees/Elders (Directors) of the corporation is three or more, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve are:

Trustees' Name	Number & Street Name	City	State	Zip
Jacqueline S. Bohannon	141 Belle Forest Cir.	Nashville	TN	37221
John W. Cain	6131 Terry Road	Jacksonville	FL	32216
Larry E. Carson	49 Sandra Road	Jacksonville	FL	32250
Patrick P. Maillet	8667 Heather Run Dr. S.	Jacksonville	FL	32256
Elyette C. Maillet	8667 Heather Run Dr. S.	Jacksonville	FL	32256

ARTICLE V

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE VI

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are: to operate exclusively for religious, charitable, educational and distinct ecclesiastical purposes within the meaning of Section 501 c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law thereto, and such purposes shall include the following:

- (a) Religious.
- (b) To conduct a local ministry under the direction of the Lord Jesus Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in accordance with all of the Commandments and provisions as set forth in the Holy Bible, the irrevocable Word of God.

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Ephesians 1:22

²²And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, ²³Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Colossians 1:18

¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

1 Timothy 5:17

¹⁷Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

Pursuant thereto, the following activities and guidelines shall be established:

- (i) A recognized Creed, Code of Doctrine, discipline and form of worship shall be established.
- (ii) An ecclesiastical form of government shall be established.

Exodus 33:21-22

And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: ²²And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by:

Romans 2:6-8

⁶Who will render to every man according to his deeds: ⁷To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: ⁸But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath

- (iii) Ordination of ministers upon completion of the prescribed course of study, designated by this outreach ministry.

Exodus 28:41

⁴¹And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

1 Corinthians 4: 1-2

Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. ²Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

Revelation 2:2

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars

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- (iv) An organization of ministers shall be established to minister to the congregation of SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED.

1 Corinthians 12: 25-31

²⁵That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. ²⁶And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

²⁷Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. ²⁸And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? ³⁰Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? ³¹But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I unto you a more excellent way.

Ephesians 4: 11-12

¹¹And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

- (v) Establishment of a congregation membership based upon acceptance of a recognized creed and belief and support of the ministry. The standard of membership in this church shall be:
- (a) evidence of a genuine experience of regeneration (the New Birth),
 - (b) evidence of a consistent Christian life,
 - (c) acceptance of the tenants of faith set forth in the articles of incorporation, and
 - (d) willingness to contribute regularly to the support of the church.

...evidence of a genuine experience of regeneration (the New Birth):

John 3: 3-8

³Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ⁴Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? ⁵Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. ⁸The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

...the Tithe (as defined in the Holy Scriptures):

Exodus 23:19

¹⁹The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not see the a kid in his mother's milk.

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Malachi 3:8-10

⁸Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. ⁹Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. ¹⁰Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Leviticus 27:32

³²And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

...but God expects more than the tithe from the body of believers:

Matthew 23:23

²³Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

1John 1:6-7

⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

- (vi) Spread the Word of the Gospel through seminars, radio, television, providing ministerial literature, and other forms of mass media for the purpose of educating the individual in the Word of God.
 - (vii) Establishment of various religious services pursuant to the recognized Creed, form of worship code of doctrine and discipline of the outreach of this ministry, and religious schools for Christians and educational instruction to the young and to the old.
 - (viii) Establishing a Bible Training School or School of Theology (not considered an accredited educational institution) for the preparation of ministers who minister to SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED.
- (a) Minister the Word of God to the faithful, and all others.

Exodus 19:5

⁵Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then

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ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: ⁶And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Romans 15:16

¹⁶That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

1 Peter 2:9

⁹But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light

Revelation 5:9-10

⁹And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; ¹⁰And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

- (b) Promote and encourage, through the ministry of the organization, cooperation with other organizations ministering within the community.

Ephesians 4:3-6

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: ⁴According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: ⁵Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Romans 12: 4-5

⁴For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: ⁵So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

- (c) To acquire and hold such property, either real or personal, for religious purposes, as may be necessary for its membership and the worship of God.

ARTICLE VII

In accordance with and in addition to the powers conferred by the laws of the State of FLORIDA, the Non-profit Corporation shall have the following powers:

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- (a) To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any of the purposes of the Corporation and its work.
- (b) To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credit.
- (c) To acquire, own, lease, mortgage and dispose of property, both real and personal.
- (d) To conduct and carry on religious services and instruction through the public media, including electronic broadcasting, AM and FM radio, telecasting, microwave distribution, closed circuit transmission, and cable television.
- (e) To acquire, own and operate such broadcasting and/or telecasting facilities.
- (f) To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.
- (g) To acquire hold, own, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of shares of the capital stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of other corporations, domestic or foreign, as investments or otherwise, in carrying out any of the purposes of the corporation and, while the owner thereof, to exercise all rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the power to vote thereon.

ARTICLE VIII

SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED is not organized for pecuniary gain or profit, nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any members, directors, trustees/elders, or individuals, except that SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED shall be authorized and empowered to pay and to be paid a reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article VI hereof. No substantial part of the activities of SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) a political campaign.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by:

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- (a) A corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law or,
- (b) A corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170 (c) (2) and 509 (a) (1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- (c) In the event of the dissolution of this corporation, or in the event it shall cease to carry out the objectives and purposes herein set forth, all of the business, property and assets of this corporation shall go and be distributed to such non-profit corporation qualifying as an organization exempt under the provisions of Sections 501 (c) (3) and 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or local government for exclusive public purpose, as the directors or trustees of the corporation may select and designate; and in no event shall any of said assets or property, in the event of dissolution thereof, go or be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sum subscribed, donated or contributed by such members, or for any other such purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is located, exclusively for such purposes or the organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Special provisions authorized or permitted by statute to be contained in the Articles of Incorporation are shown as follows:

ARTICLE IX

This corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of the FLORIDA Non-profit Corporation Code. All trustees/elders of this corporation now in good and regular standing, and such other members as the Board of Trustees/Elders shall from time to time admit to membership, shall be members of this corporation.

ARTICLE X

The business and property of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of three or more Trustees /Elders (Directors). The present trustees/elders now duly constituted and elected shall constitute the Board of Trustees/Elders and they shall hold their offices permanently and so far as may be until other or further election. In the event of the inability of any trustee/elder to act, or in the event of the death of any trustee/elder, the remaining trustees/elders shall elect another trustee/elder, or trustees/elders, to fill the vacancy or vacancies thus created. Each trustee/elder shall be a member in good standing

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of the corporation. A new trustee/elder shall be elected by a majority vote of the total trustees/elders, excluding the trustee/elder whose position is being filled by vote.

- (a) The trustees/elders in their collective capacity shall be known as the Board of Trustees/Elders and under that name shall constitute the governing body, and shall conduct and transact all business of the corporation.
- (b) The trustees/elders shall have power and authority to hold an annual meeting of the Board of Trustees/Elders and may likewise hold special meetings as may be determined by the Board of Trustees/Elders. The annual meeting, if and when held, shall be held at the offices of the corporation in JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA on the first Monday of February in each year at the hour of 7:00 P.M. of such day, or as soon thereafter in each year as is possible for the trustees/elders to call such meeting; and any special meetings may be held at such time as the trustees/elders may determine, and all meetings shall be held at the offices of the corporation in JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.
- (c) The qualifications for members are: There shall be but one class of membership in this corporation. Membership in this corporation may be obtained by natural persons of all races, creeds and colors, who shall publicly profess belief in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and who shall further profess their belief in the purposes of this organization as set forth herein above, and who shall thereafter be accepted into membership in such manner as provided by the Board of Trustees/Elders of this corporation. The subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation and the initial Directors of this corporation shall be and constitute the initial members of this corporation. Only the Board of Trustees/Elders may make any amendments to the Articles of Incorporation. Likewise, the By-laws may be made, altered or rescinded only by the Board of Trustees / Elders of this corporation, having received the vote of a majority of the Board of Trustees/Elders in office.
- (d) The Board of Trustees/Elders shall have authority and power, which is hereby given, to provide suitable and proper means and religious ceremony and required tests and qualifications for entrance into the outreach ministries, hereby being established and organized and by and through the means as established and administered that any and all applicants may be inducted into the ministry thereby license, commission or full ordination with all ministerial authority possible for any ecclesiastical body to be given or to possess or to administer, giving therein authority to administer all sacred services of ecclesiastical bodies and to include all sacred and sacramental services, and to further include the marriage services and to gather with the sacred services of baptism.

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Matthew 28:19

¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Romans 6:4

⁴Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: ²⁴And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. ²⁵After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. ²⁶For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

Mark 10:7

⁷For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife;

Ecclesiastes 3:20

²⁰All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

1 King 13:29

²⁹And the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

- (e) The Board of Trustees/Elders shall have the authority and power, which is hereby given, to establish, institute, operate and maintain any and all such additional departments, associations institutions, schools, mission stations, programs, and/or any and all such other vehicles as may be deemed appropriate and advisable by said Board of Trustees/Elders for the propagation of the Gospel and Christian and religious worship and where within the United States of America and/or in any other country.
- (f) The Board of Trustees/Elders of SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED shall have power and authority which is hereby given, to negotiate or designate agents to negotiate all of the business transactions, all receipts and all disbursements, for any such additional departments, associations institutions, schools, mission stations, programs, and/or any and all such other vehicles established or instituted by this corporation.
- (g) A majority of the trustees/elders shall constitute a quorum for the transaction by the Board of Trustees/Elders of any and all business, in accordance with the laws of the State of FLORIDA.

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ARTICLE XI

The manner in which the directors or trustees/elders of the corporation shall be elected or appointed shall be governed by the provisions of the By-laws of the corporation.

The corporation shall be a sovereign body, and the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation shall be governed by the provisions of the By-laws of the corporation.

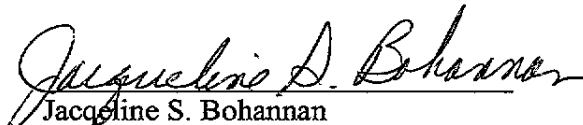
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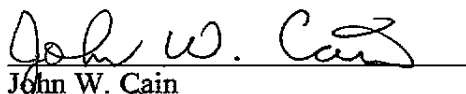
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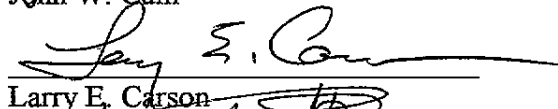
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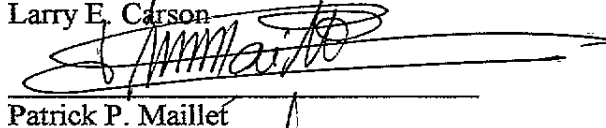
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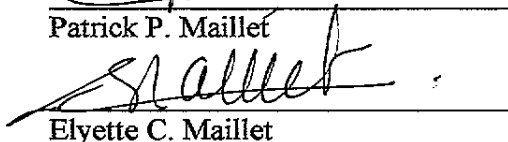
Signatures of Incorporators


Jacqueline S. Bohannon


John W. Cain


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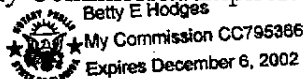
COUNTY OF DUVAL

THE FOREGOING instrument was acknowledged and sworn to before me this 21st
day of July, 2000, by John W. Cain, Patrick P. Maillet, and Elyette C. Maillet of
SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED.

(SEAL)

Betty E. Hodges
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



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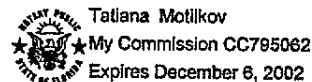
COUNTY OF DUVAL

THE FOREGOING instrument was acknowledged and sworn to before me this 21st
day of July, 2000, by Larry Carson of SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED.

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Tatiana Motilkov
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF DAVIDSON

THE FOREGOING instrument was acknowledged and sworn to before me this 2nd
day of August, 2000, by Jacqueline S. Bohannon of SOZO MINISTRIES,
INCORPORATED.

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Paula Lee Pearce
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: July 27, 2002

CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 607.0501 or 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is:

SOZO MINISTRIES, INCORPORATED

2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Elyette C. Maillet

8667 Heather Run Dr. S.

Jacksonville, FL - 32256

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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.

SIGNATURE

Elyette C. Maillet

DATE

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