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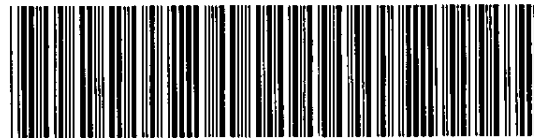
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TO: Amendment Section
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NAME OF CORPORATION: Esmirna International Christian Ministries Incorporated

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

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Rev. Jose F. Rodriguez

(Name of Contact Person)

Esmirna International Christian Ministries Incorporated

(Firm/ Company)

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(Address)

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(City/ State and Zip Code)

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

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Rev. Jose F. Rodriguez

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Articles of Amendment
to
Articles of Incorporation
of

Esmirna International Christian Ministries Incorporated

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

N01000002221

(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>
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>P</u>	<u>Rev. Jose F. Rodriguez</u>	<u>18450 SW 134th. Avenue</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Add			<u>Miami, Florida 33177-2911</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove			
2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>S</u>	<u>Modesta Sanchez</u>	<u>26205 SW144th. Avenue</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Add			<u>Apartment # 302</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Remove			<u>Homestead, Florida 33032</u>
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change	<u>T</u>	<u>Mary C. Cruz</u>	<u>4430 SW 83rd. Avenue</u>
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**E. If amending or adding additional articles, enter change(s) here
(attach additional sheets , if necessary). (Be specific)**

ADDING ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

ADDING ARTICLE IX : Statement of our Christian Faith.

Esmirna International Christian Ministries Incorporated, BELIEVE :

(1): We believe that God is the creator of the universe creating both of the seen (physical) and the unseen (spiritual) realms and that God is also the giver of life.

(2): We believe the Holy Bible is God's word Personally spoken by God for mankind for the purpose of revealing who He is and it is without error in all issues to which it speaks. We believe the Holy Bible is the only and infallible rule of faith and conduct.

(3): We affirm that the inspiration of the Holy Spirit gives the Bible its canonical authority, and the role of the church is to recognize and affirm this authority. We affirm that our church is subject to the Word of God in their order as in their doctrine

(4): We believe in the Triunity (Trinity), one God in three Persons, consisting of God the Father, God the Son Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit.

(5): We Believe Jesus Christ is Divine God who came from Heaven to mankind as a man yet retaining the Divinity of God and who while living a sinless life was rejected and betrayed by man to be crucified and die on the cross yet not to remain dead but to resurrect the third day in accordance with His everlasting divine life.

(6): We believe that the death of Jesus on the cross provided complete atonement for all the sins of the world therefore cleansing those who choose to be cleansed from their sin to then receive the Holy Spirit and by receiving the Holy Spirit becoming "Born Again" and being Born Again becoming children of God. Children in the family of God and as children in a personal relationship with their Father who is God above all and as children also inheritors in the Heavenly Kingdom of Jesus the kingdom that is without end.

(7): We believe that Jesus is the judge of all of mankind's thoughts, intentions and actions and that He is just and wise in His judgment. As judge, Jesus will judge the unjust [those who are not covered by the blood of Jesus Christ] to everlasting condemnation while to the righteous [those who are covered by the blood of Jesus Christ] He will give of His life, His gifts, and His glory.

(8): We believe Jesus physically rose from the dead, was seen by and interacted with many eyewitnesses including the Disciples and Apostles and that Jesus has now

ascended back into Heaven where He originally came from. Jesus is currently seated in Majesty, Power and Authority alongside the Father and He is now accessible to us in both Prayer and Fellowship.

(9): We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life (Psalm 139).

(10): We believe that this Statement of Christian Faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Holy Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe.

ADDING ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

ADDING ARTICLE X : Statement of Christian Faith on Marriages, Gender and Sexuality

Esmirna International Christian Ministries Incorporated, BELIEVE :

(1): 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. Man and woman are created by God in His image and likeness and their should not reject their biological sex.

(2): We believe that the term marriage has only one meaning : the uniting of one biological man and one biological woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture (Genesis 2:18-. We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to occur only between a biological man and a biological woman who are married to each other. (First Corinthians 6:18, 7:2-5 & Hebrews 13:4)

(3): 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 . (Matthew 15:18-20 & First Corinthians 6:9-10).

(4): We believe that in order to preserve the function and integrity of our church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to our members and the community, it is imperative that all persons employed by our church in any capacity, or who serve as volunteers, agree to and abide by this Statement of Faith on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality. (Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:14-16 & First Thessalonians 5:22).

(5): We believe that God is merciful to all sinners. He 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 and First Corinthians 6:9-11).

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

(7): We believe that God has ordained marriage and defined it as the covenant relationship between a man and a woman, and Himself, our church only recognize marriages between a biological man and a biological woman.

(8): We believe that the senior pastor, the assistant pastors, ministers, staff and volunteer of our church shall only participate in weddings and solemnize marriages between one biological man and one biological woman that are members in good standing of our church. The senior pastor should marriage only staff members that has been active for at least two years. The assistant pastors should marriage active members of our congregation.

(9): We believe that the facilities and properties of our church shall only host weddings between a biological man and a biological woman.

ADDING ADDITIONAL ARTICLES

ADDING ARTICLE XI : Statement of Church Membership Policy

Esmirna International Christian Ministries Incorporated, BELIEVE :

(1): We believe that membership of our church is a privilege and shall be composed only of individuals who are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and affirm the tenets of the Church Statement of Faith and the church's Statement of Faith on Marriage, Gender and Sexuality.

(2): We believe that all members should offer evidence, by their confession and their conduct, that they are living in according to the rule of faith and conduct of the Holy Bible and our church's Statement of Faith.

(3): We believe that to carry on the religious mission of the church, to preserve the function and integrity of the church as the local Body of Christ, and to provide a biblical role model to the church members and the community, it is imperative that all persons who associate with the church as members should abide by and agree to the church's statement of membership policy.

(4): We believe the Lord Jesus Christ has entrusted the local church with the authority and responsibility to discipline members for flagrant sin or serious doctrinal error, with the goal of the restoration of the offender. This discipline is entrusted to the Pastoral Staff and is to follow

the biblical pattern as set forth in Matthew 18:15-20; First Corinthians 5; Second Corinthians 2:7-8; Galatians 6:1; Second Thessalonians 3:6; Titus 3:10-11 and Second John 7-11.

(5): We believe discipline will follow the biblical pattern described on paragraph 4 , and is an effort to bring the individual to repentance and protect the church from unrepentant sin. Discipline may involve exclusion from participation in ministry and communion, as well as dismissal from the fellowship of our church.

(6): We believe that in order for an individual to apply for membership they should have been for at least two (2) years attending our services and must have a conduct according to the Holy Bible.

ADDING ADDITIONAL ARTICLE

ADDING ARTICLE XII : Statement of Religious Employment

Esmirna International Christian Ministries Incorporated, BELIEVE :

(1): We affirm that the inspiration of the Holy Spirit gives the Bible its canonical authority, and the role of our church is to recognize and affirm this authority in all aspect and activities of the church. The church affirm and project that authority also by its employees and volunteers.

(2): We believe that all and every position within the church, employees and volunteers, furthers the church's religious mission and has to be filled by a person that his/her life is inspired and reflect the doctrine of faith and conduct according to the Holy Bible and the church's Statement of Faith.

(3): We believe that all and every employee and volunteer of the church is a minister and therefore has to agree, support and lives according to the church Statement of Faith.

(4): We believe that the "ministerial exception" is a legal doctrine that clearly state that churches are exempt from anti-discrimination laws in hiring and firing employees.

ADDING ADDITIONAL ARTICLE

ADDING ARTICLE XIII : Statement on Church Facility, Patio and Equipment Use Policy

Esmirna International Christian Ministries Incorporated, BELIEVE:

(1): We believe the church's facilities, including the front and the back yards, and equipments were provided through God's benevolence and by the sacrificial generosity of church members and volunteers. The church facilities and the front and back yards are used only for the fellowship of the Body of Christ and to bring God glory. The church's facilities are not open to the public.

(2): We believe that the church's facilities, including the front and back yards, use would not be permitted to persons or groups holding, advancing, or advocating beliefs or practices that conflict with the church's statement of faith or moral teaching that are summarized in the Articles of Incorporations.

(3): We believe that, in no event shall persons or groups who hold, advance, or advocate beliefs, or advance, advocate, or engage in practices that contradict the church's faith use any church facility. The church's facilities should not be used in any way that contradicts the church's statement of faith.

(4): This policy applies to all church facilities, regardless of whether the facilities are connected to the church's sanctuary or are not, because the church sees all of its property as holy and set apart only to worship God. (Colossians 3:17).

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE VIII : ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

Paragraph 5 of Article VIII is amended to read as follow:

"In the event of dissolution of this corporation, the remaining assets after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation, should be distributed and turned over to BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH, in the U.S. an organization which is exempt as organization described in Section 503 (c)(3) and 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. If the named recipient is not then in existence, then the assets of this corporation should be distributed to a fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purpose specified in section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code".

June 1st, 2015

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

June 1st, 2015

Effective date if applicable:

(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

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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 June 1st, 2015

Signature

(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)

Rev. Jose F. Rodriguez

(Typed or printed name of person signing)

President

(Title of person signing)