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SUBJECT:

STEVAO 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 :

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☒ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM:

CHRISTIAN INTERNATIONAL

Name (Printed or typed)

5903 N. ARMENIA

Address

TAMPA, FL 33603

City, State & Zip

813-873-9688

Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
STEVAO MINISTRIES, INC.  
A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION  
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for profit)**

**ARTICLE I NAME:**

The name of the Corporation shall be: Stevao Ministries, Inc.

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE:**

The principal office of the Corporation will be:

6026 Lanshire Drive, Tampa, Florida 33634

The mailing is address is: 6026 Lanshire Drive, Tampa, Florida 33634

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE:**

The purpose for which the corporation is formed is as follows:

- (a) 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, to regularly assemble for fellowship to Worship God in Spirit and in Truth and to cooperate in the building up of the whole body of Christ.
- (b) To provide basic New Testament discipleship, to all those who are approved for this purpose by the Elders. Any person approved must have six months discipleship training.
- (c) To establish and maintain a church and to provide a place of public worship and prayer in accordance with the directions of the Holy Spirit, to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the preaching and teaching of the Bible, to bring the unsaved to Christ, and to build up the saved in Christian grace and living.
- (d) To establish, maintain, and conduct a school for religious instructions of children and adults to exalt the standard of Christian living and the leadership of our divine Lord and Master.
- (e) To ordain ministers and Christian workers to the edification and the unity of the body of Christ. Requirements for both licensing and ordination are to be established by the board of trustees, and recorded in the by-laws.
- (f) To send forth home and foreign missionaries to the spreading of the Gospel and in extending the Gospel of God throughout the world.
- (g) To print, publish and distribute and sell books, magazines and other literatures in connection with the purposes of this corporation; to sell, record and reproduce tapes, radio and television programs in connection with the purposes of this corporation to produce and distribute radio and television programs.

- (h) To have the right to purchase or acquire by gift, bequest, or otherwise, either directly or as a trustee, and to own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, or otherwise dispose; of any real estate or personal property as may be necessary for the furtherance of Christian education, and to conduct financial campaigns to further the aims and progress of the church.
- (i) To establish and raise up satellite churches and pastors to lead them; establish auxiliaries, clubs and societies of religious nature and to promote and encourage Christian fellowship between its members.
- (j) To carry on charitable work for the poor and lost such as Feed the Hungry soup kitchen, Food Pantry, Clothes closet, Prison Ministry, after care center for released prisoners, sick and shut in ministry, unwed mother's home and abused wives and children home, and housing for the homeless and run away's
- (k) To assist the ministers to the body of Christ by establishing a retreat center to minister to them.
- (l) To provide those in need with church planning and financial counseling services.
- (m) To own and operate Radio and Television stations for the purpose of the dissemination of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through word and music.
- (n) To further all religious and charitable work and for such purposes to adopt and establish, bylaws, rules, regulations in accordance with law and not inconsistent with these articles of Incorporation.
- (o) To merge join or unite with any other church or religious society having the same ideals, aims and purposes of this Church.
- (p) To establish and maintain educational institution and not for pecuniary gain; for the establishment, maintenance and support of a private Christian school at which both charity and pay students shall be received; for the establishment, maintenance and support of a private Christian day care center at which both charity and pay students will be received, for the establishment and maintenance of a theological college of higher education, and training in the Bible, Biblical languages, Christian theology and literature, and such training in mathematics, history, sciences, languages, and scriptures as are needful and appropriate to the education and training, of ministers, of the Gospel and missionaries in foreign and home fields, Bible teachers, and other Christian workers, in various lines of religious, benevolent, and philanthropical work. The institution shall grant appropriate degrees and provide for the proper regulation and control of its students. The institution shall offer admittance and equal advantages, to all student who possess the requisite literary, moral and other qualifications, and both charity and pay students shall be received, wherein the income from the pay students, shall be used to extend the charity work, but not part of the income shall ever be paid or distributed to its members, directors, or officers other than the reasonable compensation for services rendered. Such institutions within the church shall have a racially non discriminatory policy toward students and shall not discriminate against applicants and students on the basis of race, color, and national or ethnic origin.
- (q) To establish and maintain a Christian bookstore for the benefit of the students and members of the church and their guests.
- (r) To further the gospel of Jesus Christ through a radio ministry and a television ministry.

- (s) To establish and maintain a counseling service for the use of the church and public and to provide access to such counseling service by virtue of telephonic communication.
- (t) To do all things allowed and permitted to it under law and specifically those set forth in the Florida General Corporation Act as it affects Not for Profit Corporations.
- (u) Notwithstanding other provisions of these articles, this church shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under § 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal revenue law, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under § 170 ( c ) ( 2 ) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal revenue law.

#### **ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION:**

**The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:**

Directors shall be appointed by the officers of the corporation as needed.

#### **ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS**

**The names and addresses:**

**Joel Marcos Stevao 6026 Lanshire Drive Tampa, Florida 33634 (President (C.E.O))**

**Gilberto Stevao 3217 Hidden Cove Dr. Plano Texas 75075 (Vice-President)**

**Maria Jose de Lima Stevao 3217 Hidden Cove Dr. Plano TX 75075 (secretary, treasurer)**

#### **ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

**The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:**

**Joel Marcos Stevao 6026 Lanshire Dr Tampa, Fl 33634**

#### **ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

**The name and the address of the Incorporator is:**

**Joel Marcos Stevao 6026 Lanshire Dr. Tampa, Fl 33634**

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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Signature/ Registered Agent \* \_\_\_\_\_ May 3, 2002

Signature/ Incorporator \_\_\_\_\_ May 3, 2002

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