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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**THE HEART OF JACKSONVILLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST TEMPLE OF PRAISE, Inc.**

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The undersigned by these Articles associate themselves together and make, subscribe, acknowledge and file these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of becoming incorporated as a corporation not for profit under the laws of the state of Florida.

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be The Heart of Jacksonville Church of God in Christ Temple of Praise, Incorporated and shall be located in Orange Park, Clay County, Florida.

2625 Country Club Blvd Orange Park, FL 32073

**ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

Believing in the Bible as the inspired work of God and as the sole authority for faith and practice, and acknowledging adherence to teachings of Jesus Christ, the purpose for which this corporation is organized are as follows: To maintain regular services; to proclaim earnestly the gospel message and urge its acceptance; to cooperate heartily by prayer, gift and service in the effort to establish the Kingdom of Christ throughout the world; to promote systematic Bible study and training for Christian services and to encourage in every possible way life enlistment in Christianity; to conduct for religious worship and instruction churches, schools, pastoriums and other institutions connected therewith of a religious, educational, charitable and benevolent character to the end that it's own members and the people of the community in which it is located can advance in spiritual growth and enlightenment. To establish human and development ministries, programs, and schools to promote personal empowerment through spiritual development. To conduct any and all other lawful business as prescribed by the laws of Florida.

**ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

Any person who believes in the Christian experience and is willing to embrace it in its fullness, who accepts the worship of the Almighty God according to the doctrines of Heart of Jacksonville Church of God in Christ Temple of Praise, or who is a member of a sister church and is accompanied by a letter or other pastoral commendation, and who is willing to abide by the rules, regulations, bylaws, policies and advocacies of the Heart of Jacksonville Church of God in Christ Temple of Praise, Inc. is eligible for membership in the corporation. Such persons who at any regular services of the church openly express their desire for membership in this body may be adjoined through congregational acceptance (simple majority vote of the members present) and pastoral approval (right hand of fellowship is extended by the pastor)

The present membership of the Heart of Jacksonville Church of God in Christ Temple of Praise, and those hereafter admitted to membership in this corporation is hereinabove set forth, shall constitute the membership of this corporation.

**ARTICLE IV TERM**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**ARTICLE V SUBSCRIBERS**

The name and resident address of the subscribers are:

Dr. Ronnie A. Nesbitt, Sr.	3036 Saturn Avenue	Jacksonville, FL 32206
Dr. Milessa G. Nesbitt	3036 Saturn Avenue	Jacksonville, FL 32206
Dr. Elizabeth G. Nesbitt	3036 Saturn Avenue	Jacksonville, FL 32206

#### **ARTICLE VI**

The spiritual affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a senior pastor, who shall be assisted by a pastor(shepherdess), and a board of ministers. These assistants shall be appointed by the pastor, and shall serve until replaced by subsequent pastoral appointment. The chairman of these boards shall be designated by the pastor. There shall be a board of directors to assist the pastor in handling the business affairs of the corporation. There shall be at least five and not more than 20 members of the board of directors, one of whom shall be the senior pastor, who shall also be the president of the board; on whom shall be the pastor (shepherdess), who shall also be vice president of the board. All persons shall be appointed to the board by the pastor.

One of these persons shall serve as secretary to the board, and the other will serve as treasurer to the board. These officers shall serve until replaced by subsequent pastoral appointment. All of the remaining members of the board shall be appointed by the pastor annually. All legal instruments of the corporation shall be signed by the chairman or vice president of the board, and attested by the secretary, or in such manner as may be authorized by law.

The pastors whose names are set forth hereinafter in Article VII shall constitute the board of directors, and those in Article VIII shall constitute the ministers board, and shall serve until their successors are appointed, respectively and qualified.

The term of the founding/senior pastor shall be indefinite. Upon his severance from the church by death, or other divine providence, the spiritual affairs and business affairs of the corporation shall be overseen by the pastor(shepherdess), who shall automatically become senior pastor, and shall assume all responsibilities of the senior pastor as stated in the first paragraph of Article VI.

#### **ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The following named persons shall constitute the officer and board of directors of this corporation:

PRESIDENT/ SENIOR PASTOR  
1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT/PASTOR  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Treasurer  
Secretary  
Members:

Dr. R. A. Nesbitt, Sr.  
Dr. Milessa Nesbitt  
Dr. Elizabeth G. Nesbitt  
Ms. Honsir Richardons  
Miss RaVonda Nesbitt  
Ms. Joyce Riddles  
Ms. Brijin Pemberton  
Mr. Ronnie A. Nesbitt, Jr.  
Ms. Nell Wall

#### **ARTICLE VIII BOARD OF MINISTERS**

The following shall compose the board of ministers

Dr. R. A. Nesbitt, Sr.  
Dr. Milessa Nesbitt  
Reverend Hubert U. Reid

#### **ARTICLE VI ;BYLAWS**

The bylaws of this corporation shall be made altered rescinded through proposal by the board of directors, approval by the general membership via simple majority vote at annual meeting of the corporation, or special meeting of the corporation called for that purpose, provided that notice of at least six days is given in writing or from the pulpit.

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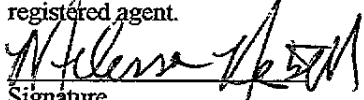
**ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

This corporation shall amend these Articles by resolution proposed by the board of directors, passed by the general membership of the church, via simple majority vote at any annual meeting of the corporation, or special meeting of corporation called for that purpose, and sanctioned by the pastor. The Articles of Incorporation shall be amended and the amendment or amendments incorporated herein shall be effective only when the amendments or amendment has or have been filed with the Secretary of State, of the State of Florida and approved by him, and all fees paid.

**ARTICLE XI REGISTERED AGENT**


Dr. Milessa Nesbitt  
3036 Saturn Avenue  
Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Having been named as registered agent and accepted 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 comply in performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent.

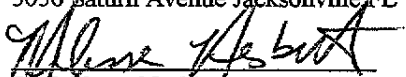
  
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**ARTICLE XII SIGNATURE OF INCORPORATORS**

  
Dr. R. A. Nesbitt  
3036 Saturn Avenue Jacksonville, FL

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Date

  
Dr. Milessa Nesbitt  
3036 Saturn Avenue Jacksonville, FL

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Date

  
Dr. E. G. Nesbitt  
3036 Saturn Avenue Jacksonville, FL

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