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SUBJECT: FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, 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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FROM: EUGENIA Perez  
Name (Printed or typed)

2225 ORANGE BLVD  
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City, State & Zip

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Jim Smith  
Secretary of State

September 10, 2002

EUGENIA PEREZ  
2225 ORANGE BLVD.  
KISSIMMEE, FL 34741

SUBJECT: FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, INC.  
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We have received your document for FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, INC.. However, the document has not been filed and is being returned for the following:

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Loria Poole  
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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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

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### ARTICLE I Name

**The name of the corporation shall be: First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church of Melbourne, Inc.**

### ARTICLE II Principal place of business and mailing address

**The principal place of business is 529 Burr Street, Melbourne, Florida 32901; the mailing address is 2225 Orange Blvd, Kissimmee, Florida 34741**

### ARTICLE III Purposes

Recognizing and Affirming that Jesus the Christ is the Head of the Church, our purposes are:

- 1) To witness of the saving grace of Jesus the Christ, and
- 2) To unify and strengthen the body of Zion and the Church Universal;
- 3) To promote spiritual growth and development for the membership.

## ARTICLE IV Manner of election of directors

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is as follows:

The Directors shall be the Board of Trustees and the Pastor in Charge.

In accordance with the Doctrines and *The Book of Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, 1996*, Chapter IX, Church Property

### I. Trustees — Their Election and Duties

¶ 484. Each Board of Trustees . . . shall consist of not less than three nor more than 15 persons, one of whom shall be the Pastor. Persons elected to the Board must be at least Twenty-one (21) years of age, members in good standing of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church who have given evidence of their ability, desire and practice of witnessing to the Gospel of the Kingdom of God in and beyond their environs; whose obligation is to uphold the laws and practice of the A.M.E. Zion Church as expressed in the *Book of Discipline*.

¶ 485. In all cases where the law of the State or Territory requires a specific mode of election, that mode shall be observed.

¶ 486. In all other cases, the Trustees, except the Pastor shall be elected annually by the Members of the Church upon the nomination of the Pastor in Charge, who shall nominate one Candidate for each vacancy. In case of failure to elect at the proper time a subsequent meeting may elect, and all the Trustees shall hold their office until their successors are elected.

¶ 487. . . . after the election, the Trustees shall organize their Board by the election of a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

¶ 488. . . . The (Quarterly) Conference shall have the power to confirm their election, and to remove any of them from causes, when not in conflict with the law of the State or Territory.

¶ 489. No Trustees shall be rejected while he is in joint security for money unless such relief be given him as is demanded or the creditors will accept.

¶ 490. In case of a vacancy on the Board of Trustees by death, resignation or otherwise, the Pastor shall call the membership together and proceed to fill the vacancy in accordance with the foregoing provision.

¶ 491. Sec. 1. It is the duty of the Board of trustees to provide a place of worship and take charge of and protect the Church property with all of its appurtenances in trust for the membership, and to make such improvements as may be necessary from time to time for the interest of the Society of which they are Trustees; and to see that order and decorum are at all times observed in the Church, and where there is not a Board of Stewards, to perform the duties therein stated.

Sec. 2. The Trustee Board . . . of each church shall be required to submit Annual reports as to the amount of insurance coverage on . . . church properties and the amount of premium paid. Insurance representing an amount not less than replacement value of all real and personal property of (the) church shall be paid on or before the expiration date of each policy.

¶ 492. The Pastor in Charge is ex-officio President of the Board of Trustees.

The above is subject to the General Rules established by The General Conference, the supreme body of the A.M.E. Zion Church, which convenes every four years, having last met in 1996.

**ARTICLE V**  
**Limitation of corporate powers**

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, unless limited as follows:

The corporate powers operate under The Doctrines and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and are subject to the General Rules established by The General Conference, the supreme body of the A.M.E. Zion Church, which convenes every four years, having last convened in 1996.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Initial registered agent and street address**

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

**Reverend Eugenia Perez, Pastor**  
**2225 Orange Blvd.**  
**Kissimmee, Florida 34741**

**ARTICLE VII**

The undersigned, Eugenia Perez, incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this September 17, 2002.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugenia Perez".

Eugenia Perez/Incorporator

2225 Orange Blvd.

Kissimmee, Florida 34741

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISION OF SECTION 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:

**First African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church of Melbourne,  
Inc.**

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

**Reverend Eugenia Perez, Pastor  
2225 Orange Blvd.  
Kissimmee, Florida 34741**

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above state 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 provision 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.

Eugenia Perez, Pastor  
(Signature)

09/02/02  
(Date)

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