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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC.

I, the undersigned incorporators, hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I

Name and Address

The name of this corporation shall be:

PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
FLORIDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

The address of this corporation shall be 1130 North Webster Street, Lakeland, Florida 33805, or such other address within the State of Florida as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

(a) The general nature, objects and purposes for which this corporation is exclusively organized and operated are accepting, holding, administering, investing funds for charitable purposes including, but not limited to: relief of the poor, distressed and underprivileged, advancement of education, and the promotion of social welfare. This corporation shall receive and maintain funds of real and/or personal property, and subject to the restrictions and limitations herein above and hereinafter set forth, shall use the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for its charitable purposes.

(b) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any member, director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the regulations issued thereunder, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c) (2) of such Code and regulations issued thereunder.

(d) In the event of dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c) (3) and 170(c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of

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1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE III

Powers

This corporation shall have and exercise all powers provided by the laws of the State of Florida pertaining to corporations not for profit including, but not limited to, Chapter 617 Florida Statutes and future amendments thereto, or succeeding statutes pertaining to corporations not for profit in the State of Florida, necessary or convenient to effect any and all of the charitable purposes for which the corporation is organized, subject, however, to the following:

(a) This corporation shall be operated exclusively for, and shall only have the power to perform, activities exclusively with the meaning, requirements and effect of Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended heretofore or hereafter.

This corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax law. This corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed, income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(d) This corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

(e) This corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions, of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

(f) This corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

(g) This corporation shall not engage in any prohibited transaction as defined in Section 503(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any Subsequent Federal tax laws.

ARTICLE IV

Members

The members of this corporation shall consist, of subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, the members of Progressive Missionary and Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc. a Florida corporation, and such other persons, over eighteen (18) years of age, or entities, as may from time to time be elected and admitted to membership by majority vote of the Board of Directors of the corporation in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE V

Term of Existence

The term for which this corporation is to exist shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VI

Subscribers

The name and address of the subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	
Rev. Wallace Z. Bowers	8306 Fir Drive	Tampa Florida 33619

ARTICLE VII

Officers and Directors

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors who shall be elected annually by majority vote of the Board of Directors of the corporation, at a duly called meeting, as provided in the bylaws and by officers who shall be elected annually by majority vote of the Board of Directors and who shall be members of the corporation. The officers thus to be elected shall be a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer and such other officers as may be provided for in the bylaws of the corporation. Multiple offices may be held by the same person. The duties of the respective officers and the manner of filling vacancies in the offices of the corporation shall be provided in the bylaws.

The number of Directors and the manner of filling vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be provided in the bylaws of the corporation. The number shall not be less than three (3), but may be any number in excess thereof. A quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the directors qualified and active, and the act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the directors. Meetings of the directors may be held within or without the State Florida.

Directors and officers of this Corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by the members of the Board of this Corporation at a meeting duly called in the manner set out in the bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

Directors

The names and addresses of the members of the initial Board of Directors, who, subject to these Articles, the bylaws of this corporation and the laws of the State of Florida, shall hold office for the first year of the existence of this corporation or until an election is held by the members for the election of permanent directors or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	
Rev. Dr. N. S. Sanders	1130 North Webster Street	Lakeland, Florida 33805
Rev. C. R. Taylor	55 Center Street	Winter Garden Florida 34787
Rev. Dr. J. J. Pierce Sr.	P. O. Box 2308	Lake Wales, Florida 33859
Rev. W. D. Sims	3708 E. Lake Ave	Tampa, Florida 33610
Joel Barnum	4008 E. Henry Street	Tampa, Florida 33610
Wallace Z. Bowers	8306 Fir Drive	Tampa Florida 33619

ARTICLE IX

Officers

The names and addresses of the officers of this corporation who, subject to these Articles and the bylaws of this corporation and the laws of the State of Florida, shall hold office for the first year of the existence of this corporation or until an election is held by the directors of this corporation for the election of permanent officers or until their successors have been, duly elected and qualified are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Address</u>
Rev. Dr. N. S. Sander	President	1130 North Webster Street Lakeland, Florida 33805
Rev. Dr. J. J. Pierce Sr.,	Secretary	P. O. Box 2308 Lake Wales, Florida 33859
Rev. W. D. Sims	V. President/Treasurer	3706 E. Lake Ave Tampa, Florida 33610

ARTICLE X

Registered Office and Registered Agent

The -name -of- the -corporation's initial registered agent at the following-address is Wallace Z. Bowers, and the street address of the corporation's initial registered office is 1130 North Webster Street, Lakeland, Florida 33805. The corporation shall keep the Department of State of the State of Florida informed of the current city, town, or village and street address of said registered office together with the name of the registered agent.

ARTICLE XI

Bylaws

The bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered or rescinded from time to time in whole or in part by a majority vote of the directors of this corporation present at any meeting of the Board of Directors duly called and convened; provided, however, that a quorum is present at the meeting of the Board of Directors and notice of the proposed action with respect to the bylaws shall have been waived by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors or mailed by the secretary of this corporation to all of the members of the Board of Directors at least three (3) days before the meeting.

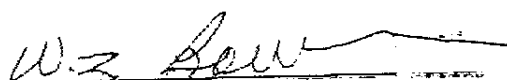
ARTICLE XII

Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

These Articles may be amended by resolution adopted by the majority vote of the members of the corporation present at any meeting duly called and convened; provided, however, that notice of the proposed action with respect to the Articles of Incorporation shall have been waived by a majority of the members of the corporation or ten (10) days' advance notice of the amendment or amendments, to be considered at such meeting, shall have been given in writing personally or by mail to each member of the corporation prior to such meeting. All actions, including but not limited

To, Amendment of Articles of Incorporation, required to be taken at any meeting may be taken by written consents as provided in Florida Statutes, as now amended, or as same may be amended in the future,.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed these Articles of Incorporation for the uses and purposes therein expressed this 27th day of December 2002


Wallace Z. Bowers

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 27th day of December 2002, personally appeared WALLACE Z. BOWERS, to me well known to be the person described in and who signed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal the date aforesaid.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS,
OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN
FLORIDA, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:
PROGRESSIVE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC., desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business at City of Lakeland, County of Polk, State of Florida, has named WALLACE Z. BOWERS, located at 8306 Fir Drive., City of Tampa, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

Signature _____

Wallace Z. Bowers

Title: Director

Date: December 27, 2002

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

Signature _____

Wallace Z. Bowers

(Registered Agent)

Date Dec 27, 2002