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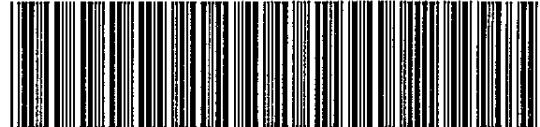
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST WORLDWIDE, INC.
(Ijo Mimo Ti Kristi Lati Orun Wa)
A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

**ARTICLE I
CHURCH NAME**

The name of this Corporation is CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST WORLDWIDE, INC.

**ARTICLE II
CORPORATE NATURE**

This is a non-profit Corporation, organized solely for general religious and related education and charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Law set forth in Section 617, Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE III
DURATION**

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE IV
TERMINATION OF EXISTING CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH IN NIGERIA
AND WAIVER OF REQUIRED NOTIFICATION PERIOD**

This registration shall upon its filing, terminates the "DEED OF CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST NIGERIA DIOCESE" made the twenty-nine (29th) day of March, 1980, and formerly registered as "CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST MAKOKO VILLAGE YABA" under The Land (Perpetual Succession) Ordinance, CAP. 107 on the twenty-fourth of November 1954, registration number 489 as a result of action taken in conformity with duly executed and signed "RESOLUTION" of the Board of Trustees of the CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST NIGERIA DIOCESE, paragraph 3, dated June 3rd 2002 and later reaffirmed by a second RESOLUTION of the Board of Trustees, dated November 12th 2002 (see copies of "Attachment A & B").

Therefore, a waiver of "NOTIFICATION PERIOD", the Section 677 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990 shall apply as the Board of Trustees of the CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST NIGERIA DIOCESE had duly executed and signed a RESOLUTION permitting the Incorporator under paragraph 3 of the RESOLUTION dated June 3rd 2002 to take every possible action to effectuate the realization of paragraphs 1.1; 1.2; and 1.3 of the Resolution.

**ARTICLE V
GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES**

The purposes for which this Corporation is formed are as follows:

- (a) For the advancement of religious, charitable, educational and any other related or corresponding charitable purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes.
- (b) To maintain and operate a Church for the worship of God and the profession of faith in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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- (c) to organize the Church (Celestial Church of Christ Worldwide, Inc.) as the principal body of the one SPIRITUAL, worldwide, indivisible Holy Church which came into the world from heaven by DIVINE ORDER on the 29th day of September, 1947 in Porto Novo, Republic of Benin (formerly Republic of Dahomey) through a single individual, a man who is the founder of the Church, the Reverend Pastor Prophet Samuel Bilewu Joseph Oshoffa of blessed memory.
- (d) to operate exclusively in any other manner for such religious, charitable and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt.

ARTICLE VI MANAGEMENT OF CHURCH AFFAIRS

A. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The powers of this Church shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Trustees consisting of not less than three (3) persons. The number of Trustees of the Church shall for the time being, be thirteen (13), provided however, that such number may be changed as provided for in The Spiritual Constitution and By-laws of the Church duly adopted by the members of the Trustees.

The Trustees named herein as the first Board of Trustees shall hold office until the first meeting of members at which time an election of Trustees shall be held or as prescribed in The Spiritual Constitution and By-laws of the Church.

Trustees elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for the terms as prescribed in The Spiritual Constitution and By-laws of the Church. Annual meetings shall be held at 14:00 hours local time on the first Sunday in the month of May in each year at The Church World Headquarters or at such other time and place as the Board of Trustees may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Trustees under any provision of Law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the Trustees. Any certificate or other documents filed under any provision of law which relate to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Trustees without a meeting, and that the Articles of Incorporation, the By-laws and The Spiritual Constitution of this Church authorize the Board of Trustees to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such initial members of the Board of Trustees of the Celestial Church of Christ Worldwide are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
GODWIN BOLANLE SHONEKAN (<i>Chairman/Pastor</i>)	9652 Hood Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257-1141
OLUREMI OLUSOGA OGUNLESI (<i>Secretary</i>)	9652 Hood Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257-1141
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B. CORPORATE OFFICERS:

The Board of Trustees shall elect the following officers: Chairman (Pastor and/or Supreme Evangelist), Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as The Spiritual Constitution and the By-laws of this Church may authorize the Trustees to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as Church officers:

NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Chairman/Pastor (<i>Supreme Head Worldwide</i>):	Godwin Bolanle Shonekan 9652 Hood Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257-1141
Secretary:	Oluremi Olusoga Ogunlesi 9652 Hood Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257-1141
Treasurer:	R. O. Adewusi 9652 Hood Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257-1141

**ARTICLE VII
EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF CHURCH**

- A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, Trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof.
- B. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of political propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- D. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

**ARTICLE VIII
DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS**

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, and to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes and to such organization or organizations as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE IX
MEMBERSHIP**

The Spiritual Constitution and the By-laws of this Church shall regulate the qualification for members and the manner of their admission.

**ARTICLE X
INCORPORATORS**

The names and addresses of the Incorporators of this Church are as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS
GODWIN BOLANLE SHONEKAN (<i>Chairman/Pastor</i>)	9652 Hood Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257-1141
GEDDIS BIMBOLA SHONEKAN (<i>Member</i>)	9652 Hood Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257-1141

**ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION,
THE SPIRITUAL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Subject to the limitations contained in The Spiritual Constitution and By-laws of the Church, and any limitations set forth in the Corporation Not for Profit Law of the State of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the Trustees, By-laws and Spiritual Constitution of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new By-laws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Trustees, or by following the procedure set forth therefore in the By-laws and the SPIRITUAL CONSTITUTION.

**ARTICLE XII
DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious, educational, charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure

to the benefit of any Trustee, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

**ARTICLE XIII
REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The address of the corporation's registered office shall be 9652 Hood Road, Jacksonville, Florida, 32257 and the name of its registered Agent at said address shall be Prophet, Rev. Godwin Bolanle Shonekan. The mailing address is the same.

**ARTICLE XIV
AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees and presented to a quorum of members for their vote in the manner set forth in the Spiritual Constitution and the By-laws of this corporation. We, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation.

Signed this 18th day of April, 2003

WITNESSED BY:

[Handwritten signatures of two witnesses]

[Handwritten signature of Godwin Bolanle Shonekan]
.....
Godwin Bolanle Shonekan *Personally*
INCORPORATOR *Known*
[Handwritten signature of Geddis Bimbola Shonekan]
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Geddis Bimbola Shonekan
INCORPORATOR

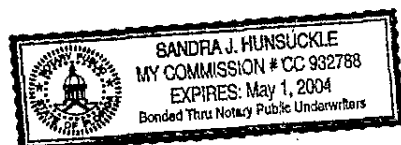
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COUNTY OF DUVAL

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Godwin Bolanle Shonekan and Geddis Bimbola Shonekan to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and they acknowledged to and before me that they executed such instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and

Seal this 18th day of April, 2003



[Handwritten signature of Sandra J. Hunsuckle]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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Attachment "A"

CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST
EGLISE DU CHRISTIANISME CELESTE
IJO MIMO TI KRISTI LATI ORUN WA
AGUN WIWE OLON TON



World Headquarters
WORLD HEADQUARTERS: Celestial Holy City Imeko Ogun State, Nigeria
POSTAL ADDRESS: P. O. Box 1237, Ikeja, Lagos, Nigeria
LONDON MISSION HOUSE: 20, Billington Road, SE14 5DG, Tel: 020 7732 0720

Our Ref: _____ Your Ref: _____ Date: _____

Resolutions of Board Meeting

The Registered Board of Trustee of the Celestial Church of Christ, Nigeria Diocese, the foundation and the base for which the Celestial Church of Christ USA Diocese and USA CCC Central Control and Regulatory Mission, Inc was registered, has duly called and conducted an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Board of Trustee.

The Registered Board of Trustee of the Celestial Church of Christ, Nigeria Diocese upon the duly called and conducted meeting resolves as follows:

1. That the Registered Board of Trustee of the Celestial Church of Christ, Nigeria Diocese has approved and adopted the Articles of Incorporation, Spiritual Constitution and Bylaws of the Celestial Church of Christ USA Diocese and CCC Central Control and Regulatory Mission, Inc. as filed and registered on October 29, 1992 in the State of Florida, with the Document number N92000000088.
 - 1.1 That the Registered Board of Trustee of the Celestial Church of Christ, Nigeria Diocese duly constituted has authorized a change of name, from Celestial Church of Christ USA Diocese and Regulatory Mission, Inc. to Celestial Church of Christ Diocese of the Americas and Worldwide CCC Central Control and Regulatory Mission, Inc. The Diocese of the Americas shall include but not limited to United States of America and its Territories, North America (Canada) and South America
 - 1.2 That subsequent registration of the Diocese shall be filed and established in all other States of the Union and the District of Columbia with immediate effect.
 - 1.3 That such subsequent registration in all other States of the Union and District of Columbia are deemed a registration of the existence of the Florida registration as a Foreign Corporation in all of the other States of the Union and the District of Columbia.
2. Also that the Registered Board of Trustee of the Celestial Church of Christ, Nigeria Diocese has approved and adopted the Salary Structure, herein attached as Appendix A.
3. And further that the Registered Board of Trustee of the Celestial Church of Christ, Nigeria Diocese has unanimously approved that Senior Evangelist G. Bolanle Shonekan take all possible steps to effect the realization of paragraphs 1.1; 1.2 and 1.3 above.

Signed and Dated:
This 3rd day of June, 2002.

By Duly Constituted Registered Board of Trustee

Senior Evangelist Samson Olatunde Banjo

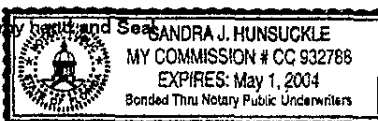
Senior Evangelist Oluremi Oluosoga Ogunlesha

Most Senior Evangelist Olajinka Afolabi Adefeso

CERTIFY TRUE COPY:

BEFORE ME, the original document herein certified was presented to me personally by
Rev. Godwin Bolanle Shonekan.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, I have hereunto set my hand and
This 18th day of April, 2003.



Notary Public

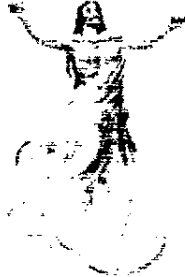
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Attachment "B"

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P. O. Box 1237 Ikeja Lagos,
Nigeria.



World Headquarters:
Celestial City,
Imeko, Ogun State,
Nigeria.

Phone:

RESOLUTION


AFFIRMATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF U.S.A. DIOCESE EXECUTED BY REV. PASTORS A.A. BADA AND P.H. AJOSE AND SUPERIOR EVANGELIST AJANLEKOKO AND THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NIGERIA DIOCESE AND AFFIRMATION OF OUR RESOLUTION DATED 3RD DAY OF JUNE 2002.

We hereby re-affirm that the Constitution of U.S.A. Diocese executed by Rev. Pastors A.A. Bada and P.H. Ajoye and Superior Evangelist Ajanlekoko and the remaining members of the Board of Trustees Nigeria Diocese cannot be revoked but must be upheld. We reaffirm the resolution of 3rd June 2002 and urge all members and parishes in U.S.A. diocese to work together and coopt Senior Evangelist G. Bolanle Shonekan (who has been involved in this matter) in establishing Celestial Church of Christ properly and legally under the single Constitution executed by our past Pastors and Spiritual fathers. Like all constitutions, this constitution is also subject to amendments as situation demands from time to time. We urge all members to work together in unity to make Celestial Church of Christ one in U.S.A Diocese and throughout the world.

Dated this 12th Day of November 2002.

for and on behalf of
Board of Trustees/Pastor-in-Council
Celestial Church of Christ worldwide


Sen. Ev. S. O. Banjo
Trustee/ MPIC


Sen. Ev. O. O. Ogunlesi
Trustee/MPIC
Secretary


MSE O. A. Adesoro
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Superior Evangelist T. Oshin MPIC
Head Lagos Diocese

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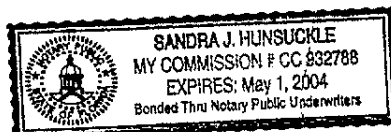
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IN WITNES WHERE OF, I have hereunto set my hand and Seal
This 18th day of April, 2003.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

Certificate Designating Place of Business or Domicile for the Service of Process Within This State, Naming Agent Upon Whom Process May Be Served and Names and Addresses of the Officers and Trustees.

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The following is submitted in compliance with Section 607.034, 607.0501 or 617.0501 Florida Statutes:

CELESTIAL CHURCH OF CHRIST WORLDWIDE, INC., a not for profit corporation organizing under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office at 9652 Hood Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257 has named Brother GEDDIS BIMBOLA SHONEKAN, whose address is at 9652 Hood Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257 as its Agent to accept service of process within this state.

OFFICERS:

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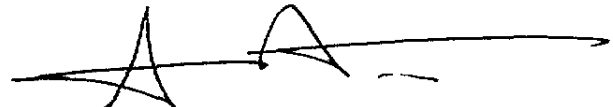
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