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**COVER LETTER**

**TO:** Amendment Section  
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**NAME OF CORPORATION:** First Church of God in Christ, Inc.

**DOCUMENT NUMBER:** N03000005026

The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Pastor Edward J. Parker

(Name of Contact Person)

First Church of God in Christ, Inc.

(Firm/ Company)

798 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue

(Address)

Crestview, FL 32536

(City/ State and Zip Code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Pastor Edward J. Parker

(Name of Contact Person)

at ( 850 ) 682-4900

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Articles of Amendment  
to  
Articles of Incorporation  
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First Church of God In Christ, Inc.

(Name of corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

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(Document number of corporation (if known))

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this *Florida Not For Profit Corporation* adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation:

**NEW CORPORATE NAME (if changing):**

(must contain the word "corporation," "incorporated," or the abbreviation "corp." or "inc." or words of like import in language; "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name of a not for profit corporation)

**AMENDMENTS ADOPTED- (OTHER THAN NAME CHANGE)** Indicate Article Number(s) and/or Article Title(s) being amended, added or deleted: **(BE SPECIFIC)**

Article IV - Use of Property (delete) "The organization"

(add) - All property shall belong exclusively to First

Church of God in Christ, Inc. The First Church of God in Christ, Inc.

Article VI - Directors - (change) "for a period of one year" to

"for a period of three to five years" (in two places)

(add) Inc. after "Christ"

Article VII - Prohibition Against Sharing in Church Earning -

(change) after services rendered..."However, the church may make

payments and distributions to further comply with the purpose set

forth in the Articles. The church shall not be substantially

involved in propaganda activities or otherwise attempting to

(Attach additional pages if necessary)

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influence legislation, and shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) political campaigns. Notwithstanding any other activity not permitted to be carried on by:

c). (change) "principle" to "principal"

Article IX - Initial Incorporates -(change) treasurer to:  
Merrita Bristow, 120 Old South Drive, Crestview, FL 32536

In WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set out hand this 17 day of  
January, 2006

Merrita, Bristow, Treasurer

{Memo for record: Attached is a complet copy of the Articles of  
Incorporations reflecting changes in red.)

The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: January 27, 2006

Effective date if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_  
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

Adoption of Amendment(s) **(CHECK ONE)**

- ☒ The amendment(s) ~~was~~(were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.
- ☐ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was (were) adopted by the board of directors.

Signature Edward J. Parker  
(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer- if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator- if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary, by that fiduciary.)

Edward J. Parker  
(Typed or printed name of person signing)

Pastor  
(Title of person signing)

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE  
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME AND LOCATION**

**FIRST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.  
798 Martin Luther King Jr Ave  
Crestview, FL 32536**

This corporation shall be named "FIRST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC". The place of business for this organization shall be Crestview, Florida, Okaloosa, Florida. This Corporation may move to another place, including city and state with the approval of the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE II  
STATUS**

First Church of God in Christ, Inc is a Non-Profit corporation whose period of duration is perpetual, and is herein called the organization.

**ARTICLE III  
PURPOSE**

To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to every race and nationality through the teaching and preaching of God's word. It is organized specifically to provide standards of conduct for Christian believers. It shall disseminate valuable religious information and adopt such rules and regulations necessary to conduct the business of this organization. Generally, this Church shall promote the interest of Christianity and increase the opportunity for religious freedom within the meaning of section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or any superceding statue thereto, and such purpose shall include the following:

- a) Religious activities.
- b) To conduct a local church according to the standards of the Lord Jesus Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Ghost in accordance with all of the Commandments and provisions as set forth in the Holy Bible. Pursuant thereto the following activities and guidelines shall be established:
  - i. Continue an ecclesiastical form of government
  - ii. Examine and/or train candidates for the ministry
  - iii. Examine and/or train candidates for the missionary field
  - iv. Birth other churches, Christian schools, child care, missions and Christian outreach centers
  - v. Enforce a recognized Creed, Code of Doctrine, discipline and form of worship
  - vi. Provide help ministries for the community at large
  - vii. Spread the Word of God of the Gospel through seminars, radio, television, establish Church literature, and other forms of mass media to educate the individual in the Word of God
  - viii. Teach members that God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth

- c) In the event of the dissolution of the Church, or in the event it shall cease to carry out the objectives and purpose herein set forth, all of the business, property and assets of the Church shall go and be distributed to such Church of God in Christ Non-Profit Corporation qualifying as an Internal Revenue Code 501c(3) corporation and as an organization qualifying as a public charity under the provision of Section 509a(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the directors or trustees of the corporation may select or designate. But, in no event shall any of the said assets or property, in the event of dissolution be distributed to members, either for the reimbursement of any sum subscribed, donated or contributed by such members or for any other such purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is located, exclusively for such purpose, or the organization as said court shall be determined, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

##### **Register Agent & Registered Address**

The name and the address of the registered is:

**EDWARD J. PARKER, PASTOR**  
701 Naughton Drive  
Crestview, FL 32536

I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as a Registered Agent.

EDWARD J. Parker, Registered Agent \_\_\_\_\_ (sign)

If the above name is no longer the pastor of the church, the Jurisdictional Bishop will appoint a new pastor and the new pastor will serve as the registered agent. At which time a new application will be filled with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

##### **Initial Incorporates**

The names and addresses of the initial incorporates are:

<b>President</b>	<b>Edward J. Parker</b> 701 Naughton Dr Crestview, FL 32536
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Robert Shipman</b> 669 Bressler St Crestview, FL 32536
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Merrita Bristow</b> 120 Old South Drive Crestview, FL 32536
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Ella Polk</b> 4757 Natchez Trace Crestview, FL 32539