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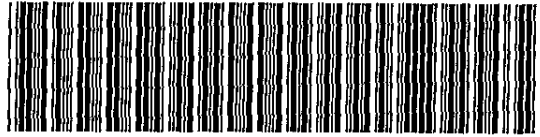
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: FIRST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

\$70.00
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\$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

\$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

\$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: First Church of God in Christ
Name (Printed or typed)

798 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Address

Crestview, FL 32536
City, State & Zip

(850) 682-4900
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State

June 3, 2003

EDWARD J. PARKER
798 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AVE
CRESTVIEW, FL 32536

SUBJECT: FIRST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC. / CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST, INC.
Ref. Number: W03000015677

We have received your document for FIRST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST,
INC. / CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50.
However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the
following correction(s):

The name of the entity must be identical throughout the document.

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or
it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity.

Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One
or more major words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the
one presently on file.

Adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable.

The name "Church Of God In Christ, Inc. is not available.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of
this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call
(850) 245-6927.

Tracy Smith
Document Specialist
New Filings Section

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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 call 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

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ARTICLE IV
Use of Property

The organization shall exercise the prerogative and maintain the right to own, use, sell, purchase, lease or otherwise dispose of such property as may be deemed necessary to support the on going work of the International Church of God in Christ. All and any property obtained shall be used exclusively for the support of the purpose stated in Article III.

ARTICLE V
Amendments

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be made during the January business meeting, and shall be submitted for review by the members two months prior to being voted upon. Amendments must be approved by a two-third majority of the membership present and voting.

ARTICLE VI
Directors

The business of this church shall be transacted by the chairman and at least three, no more than five board of directors, also known as trustees. The pastor, by way of his office, and in accordance with the rules of the International Church of God in Christ, serve as the Chairman of the Board of Directors/Trustees. The Pastor/President is appointed by the appropriate Jurisdictional Bishop of the Church of God in Christ, Inc, and will serve as the Chairman. The other board members/trustees shall be elected by majority vote of the members of the organization in attendance at the annual organizational meeting, and will serve for a period of one year. The election of the trustees shall be held during the month of January of each calendar year. After the election, the entire board, including the chairman, shall elect among themselves, a Vice Chairman, who will serve in this position for a period of one year. The Chairman may choose to delegate certain chairman duties to the Vice Chairman. The Pastor of First Church of God in Christ, Inc is called of God to his position, and appointed by the Jurisdictional Bishop of the area as determined by the international Church of God in Christ. Therefore, the Pastor's position as Chairman of the Board of Directors/Trustees will continue until he is removed or replaced by the Jurisdictional Bishop.

ARTICLE VII
Prohibition Against Sharing in Church Earning

The church is not organized for pecuniary gain or profit, nor shall it have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends. Moreover, no part of its net earnings shall be to the benefit of any members, directors, trustees or individuals, except that the church shall be authorized and empowered to pay and to be paid a reasonable compensation for services rendered. However, the church may make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the Articles. No substantial part of the activities of the church shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the church shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) a political campaign. Notwithstanding any other activity not permitted to be carried on by:

- a) A Corporation exempt under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future Internal Revenue Code or Laws) or,
- b) A Corporation, contributions which are deductible under Section 170c(2) of the Internal Revenue Laws.

- 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 principle 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:

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| President | Edward J. Parker 701 Naughton Dr Crestview, FL 32536 |
| Vice-President | Robert Shipman 669 Bressler St Crestview, FL 32536 |
| Treasurer | Sharon Vanderhorst 991 Claeven Circle Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548 |
| Secretary | Ella Polk 4757 Natchez Trace Crestview, FL 32539 |

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set out hand this 16 day of May, 2003

Edward J. Parker, President Edward J. Parker
Robert Shipman, Vice-President Robert Shipman
Sharon Vanderhorst, Treasurer Sharon Vanderhorst
Ella Polk, Secretary Ella Polk

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