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Department of State
Division of Corporations
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SUBJECT: The Way Evangelical Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:
\$87.50 for Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate

FROM:	Calvin D. Sloan
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF RELIGIOUS CORPORATION**

**THE WAY EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,
(Florida Non-Profit Corporation)**

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THE UNDERSIGNED, each with the capacity to contract, hereby executes and acknowledges these *Articles of Incorporation* for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Florida.

THE UNDERSIGNED HERE BY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this corporation shall be THE WAY EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

The physical address of this corporation is 2818 N. LINKS AVE. – SARASOTA, FLORIDA.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

The specific purpose for which the corporation is initially organized is to preach and teach the good news about Lord Jesus Christ, to make disciples of Lord Jesus Christ, to be a witness unto Lord Jesus Christ, to perform marriages, funerals, baptisms, the communion and to also engage in activities which are necessary, suitable or convenient for the accomplishment of that purpose, or which are incidental thereto or connected therewith which are consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (i) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, or (ii) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. The purposes for which this corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

ARTICLE 3. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION

The members of the corporation shall consist of any child or adult accepted by the existing members upon expressing a saving faith in Lord Jesus Christ and a desire to help further the purposes for which the corporation was organized, and who displays a willingness to regularly contribute time and service in this regard. A person who is willing to contribute time and/or resources for this purpose may, upon request, be admitted to membership by vote of a majority of the members.

Each member shall be entitled to at least one vote as a member of the corporation. The exact number of votes to be cast by the members and the manner of exercising voting rights shall be determined by the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE 4. TERM

The date of commencement of corporate existence shall be when these Articles have been filed with the Department of State and approved by it and the respective filing fee has been paid; the term for which the corporation is to exist shall be perpetual. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, no part of the corporation's earnings or assets shall inure to the benefit of any of its members; the residual assets of the corporation shall be distributed 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 1986, or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE 5. NON PROFIT ORGANIZATION

No part of the net earning of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 2. 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 publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. 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 1986 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) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue laws.

ARTICLE 6. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The name of the Initial agent of the corporation is Rev. Calvin Dawse Sloan, and the street address of the Initial Registered Office of this corporation is 2818 N. Links Ave. Sarasota, Florida.

ARTICLE 7. INCORPORATORS

The names and residence addresses of the subscribers to these Articles are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
CALVIN DAWSE SLOAN	2818 N. LINKS AVENUE SARASOTA, FLORIDA 34234-2543
CLYDE ROBINSON SR.	1747 32 ND STREET SARASOTA, FLORIDA 34234

ARTICLE 8. BYLAWS

The first Bylaws of the corporation shall be adopted by the Incorporators and may be amended, altered or rescinded by the Incorporators in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by statute or in the following manner:

Every amendment shall be approved by the Incorporators, proposed by them to the Members and approved at a membership meeting for which due notice of the proposed amendment was given, by affirmative vote of a quorum of the members present.

Provided, however, that no amendment shall make any changes in the qualifications for Membership nor voting rights of members without approval in writing by all members.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, for the purposes of becoming a corporation not for profit under the provisions of the laws of Florida, do make and affix my signature to acknowledge and file in the office of the Secretary of State these Articles of Incorporation.

WITNESS our respective hands and seals on the dates and places indicated below.

Calvin Dawse Sloan 12/20/03
Calvin Dawse Sloan

Clyde Robinson Sr. 12/20/03
Clyde Robinson Sr.

Having been named as Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the position as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Calvin Dawse Sloan 12/20/03
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