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# Iglesia de Dios Cristo la Peña

126 SE Park St, Okeechobee FL Mailing Address: 425 NE 31<sup>st</sup> Way, Okeechobee FL 34974

Florida Department of State Corporate Records Bureau PO Box 6327 Tallahassee FL 32314

RE: INCORPORATION OF IGLESIA DE DIOS CRISTO LA PEÑA IN OKEECHOBEE

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed you will find the following documents:

Articles of Incorporation

• Incorporation fees Check or Money Order # \_\_\_/\(\psi \subset \subseteq \) in the amount of \$78.75 payable to Florida Department of State.

Please consider the above documents our official filing for the incorporation.

Very truly yours,

Agent M Aguald

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF IGLESIA DE DIOS CRISTO LA PEÑA IN OKEECHOBEE, INC. A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

# ARTICLE I

# Name and Location of Principal Office

The name of the corporation is Iglesia de Dios Cristo la Peña in Okeechobee, Inc. a non-profit Corporation. Its initial office shall be at 126 SE Park St, Okeechobee, FL.

## **ARTICLE II**

#### Term

The corporation shall exist perpetually until dissolved by due process of law.

# ARTICLE III

<u>Incorporators</u>

The name and address of the Incorporators of these Articles of Incorporation are:

Name	Address
Angel M. Oquendo, President	425 NE 31st Way, Okeechobee FL 34974
María V. Oquendo, Member	425 NE 31st Way, Okeechobee FL 34974
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#### ARTICLE IV

#### General Purposes

The general purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, 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 V

# Specific purposes

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are to provide a place of worship for its members, who shall be members in good standing of the Church of God, Cleveland, TN and to conduct the affairs of the congregation according to the rules and regulations of the Church of God, Cleveland, TN, specifically the General Assembly Minutes of the Church of God, Cleveland, TN; to promot the cause of Christianity in accordance with the teachings, tenets, and customs of the Church of God, Cleveland, TN; to receiver, manage, and distribute gifts, bequests, and other funds for the benefit of the congregation and the Church of God, Cleveland, TN; to own and maintain suitable buildings and facilities necessary for their acquisition, upkeep, maintenance and sale, all in accordance with the General Assembly Minutes of the Church of God, Cleveland, TN.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### Corporate Powers

The corporation shall have all of the powers conferred by the Florida Not For Profit

Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, which are necessary, incidental, or convenient to the
purposes of the corporation as herein stated.

#### ARTICLE VII

## Activities not permitted

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or (b) a corporation, contributions of which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any other corresponding provision of any future Untied States Internal Revenue Law.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### Dedication and Distribution of Assets

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefits of 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 corporator assets upon dissolution of the corporation.

In the event of dissolution of this corporation, or in the event this corporation shall cease to exist or depart from the policy of the Church of God, Cleveland, TN as expressed in the *General Assembly Minutes* of the Church of God Cleveland, TN, and otherwise, the assets of the corporation shall revert to the State Trustees for the Church of God in the state of Florida, their successors and assigns, and if the State Board of Trustees shall cease to exist, then to the Church of God, a Tennessee nonprofit corporation, and if the Church of God cease to exist, then to one or more organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code. Further that the proceeds/assets from the disposition must go directly into real property purchase or improvements.

#### ARTICLE IX

# Management of Corporate Affairs

(a) Board of Directors. The powers of the corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The corporation shall have four (4) Director(s) initially. The number of Directors of the corporation maybe increased or diminished from time to time by the Bylaws but shall never be less than four (4). The method of selection of directors is stated in the Bylaws of this corporation.

The Directors named herein as the first Board of Directors shall hold office until the first meeting of Members at which time an election of Directors shall be held.

Directors elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one year or until the first annual meeting of Members following the election of Directors and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place or places as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors 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 of 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 Directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the corporation authorize the Directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such first Members of the Board of directors are as follows:

Name		Address
Angel M. Oquendo, President		425 NE 31st Way, Okeechobee FL 34974
María V. Oquendo, Member		425 NE 31st Way, Okeechobee FL 34974
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b) Corporate Officers. The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers:

President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary and such other Officers as the Bylaws of the corporation may authorize, from time to time, the Directors to elect. Initially, such Officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE X

#### Indemnification

Every person who now is or hereafter shall be a Director or Officer of the corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation against all costs and expenses (including counsel fees) hereafter reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him in connection with, or resulting from, any action, suit or proceedings of whatever nature, to which he/she is or shall be made a party by reason of his being or having been a Director or Officer of the corporation (whether or not he is a Director or Officer of the corporation at the time he is made party to such action, suit or proceeding, or at the time such cost or expense is incurred by or imposed upon him) except in relation to matters as to which he shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to have been derelict in the performance of his duties as such Director or Officer. The right of indemnification herein provided should not be exclusive of other rights to which any such person may now or hereafter be entitled to as a matter of law.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### Membership

The membership of the corporation shall consist of all persons hereinafter named as Directors and all other persons as, from time to time thereafter, may be received into membership in accordance with the *General Assembly Minutes* of the Church of God, Cleveland, TN, as they now exist or may be amended from time to time.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### **Bylaws**

The Board of Directors of the corporation shall conduct business under the Bylaws of the corporation in order to carry out its purposes as such Directors may deem necessary from time to time. Upon notice properly given, the Bylaws may be amended, altered or rescinded by majority vote of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting called for that purpose, subject to any limitations set forth in the Florida Not for Profit Corporation act concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by Members of the corporation, provided that the proposed amendment does not conflict with these Articles of Incorporation and is in accord with the General Assembly Minutes of the Church of God, Cleveland, TN, as the same now exists or may be amended thereafter from time to time.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### Amendments to Articles of Incorporation

An amendment to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any Member of the corporation, but such amendment may be adopted only after receiving an affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Corporation, provided that the proposed amendment does not conflict with these Articles of Incorporation and is in accord with the General Assembly Minutes of the Church of God, Cleveland, TN, as the same now exists or may be amended thereafter from time to time.

# ARTICLE XIV

# Initial Registered Office and Agent

The name and address of the initial registered agent of the corporation is:

Angel M. Oquendo 425 NE 31<sup>st</sup> Way Okeechobee FL 34974

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has made, subscribed and acknowledged these Articles of Incorporation on this day of March 5, 2004 for the purpose of forming this Not for Profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

Signature

And EL M DOUENDO

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# ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named Registered Agent and designated to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at the place designated herein, 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.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004.

Signature Register Agent

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