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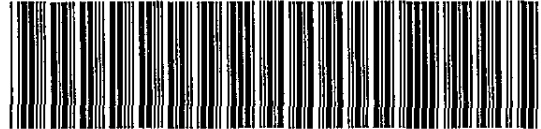
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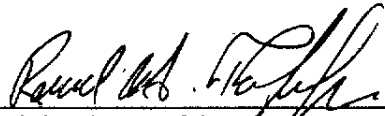
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

SUBJECT: The New Church of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Enclosed are an original and two (2) copies of proposed Articles of Incorporation. I wish to register the corporation and receive both a Certified Copy and a Certificate of Status. A check for \$87.50 is enclosed for the filing and documents.

Thank you for your assistance.


Richard H. Tafel, Jr., Incorporator
March 5, 2005

FROM: The Rev. Richard H. Tafel, Jr.
8065 Lagoon Road
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Daytime phone: 239-463-5030; Cell: 239-560-6785
E-mail: RHTafel@yahoo.com

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
THE NEW CHURCH OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.
A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

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ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be The New Church of Southwest Florida, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:
2801 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, Florida 33931

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The specific purposes for which this corporation (church) is organized are:

1. To provide corporate worship of the Lord and spiritual support and renewal, according to the teachings of Christianity as taught by Emanuel Swedenborg.
2. To serve the Lord by serving the neighbor through programs to “feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and comfort the afflicted.” Such programs include, but are not limited to, assisting the economically or socially disadvantaged, mentoring at-risk and troubled children and youth, and counseling troubled families and individuals.
3. To offer the sacraments and rites of the church to church members and non-members alike.

The general purposes for which this church exists are exclusively religious, charitable, and educational purposes as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

No substantial part of the activities of this church shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, nor shall it participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or perform any act that will disqualify the organization for tax exempt status conferred by any local, state, or federal government which has jurisdiction over the organization.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors and officers are elected or appointed:
The officers and board members (directors) of this church are selected by the members of the church according to procedures set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

This church is a member of the Christian denomination, the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, Inc., (dba The Swedenborgian Church), and the life and fellowship of this church is of the Swedenborgian theology and perspective.

The General Convention of the New Jerusalem is an Illinois Corporation formed in 1861 and is a member of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

ARTICLE VI DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The assets of this church are irrevocably dedicated to the purposes of The New Church of Southwest Florida as set forth in Article III herein, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any board member, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private persons, except that this church 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 these Articles.

ARTICLE VII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

In the event this church is dissolved or otherwise ceases to exist, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the church, shall be transferred to the sole and absolute ownership of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem in the United States of America, Inc. (dba the Swedenborgian Church), an Illinois corporation which has established tax-exempt status under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VIII INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:
The Rev. Nadine Cotton
6970 Pickadilly Court
Fort Myers, FL 33919

ARTICLE IX INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:
The Rev. Richard H. Tafel, Jr.
8065 Lagoon Road
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

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 appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Rev. Nadine Cotton
Signature/Registered Agent

Date 3/5/05

Richard H. Tafel, Jr.
Signature/Incorporator

Date 3-5-05

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