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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

### **NELSON MISSIONS, INC.**

(A Florida Corporation not for profit)

SECRETARY OF ST

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, a natural personcompetent to contract, hereby forms a corporation not for profit under Florida law.

#### I. NAME

The name of the Corporation is NELSON MISSIONS, INC.

#### II. PURPOSES AND POWERS

The purposes of the Corporation shall be to be a charitable organization fulfilling charitable purposes in the Caribbean West Indies in general, and in the Commonwealth of Dominica in particular, in order to:

- A. Establish and maintain Christian pre-schools, elementary schools, and secondary schools for training in the Bible, in Christian theology, and in teaching traditional Judeo-Christian moral values. While the corporation shall generally be governed by Christian principles, it shall nonetheless offer admittance and equal advantages to all school age students, irrespective of their particular denomination or religious preference, if any,
- B. Offer education and training lay persons and to ministers of the gospel and missionaries in foreign and home fields, Bible teachers, and other Christian workers in various lines of religious, benevolent, and philanthropic work.
- C. Establish Christian schools, plant churches, construct buildings for worship and buildings for education and administration by planting churches
- D. Improve the general quality of life in and to provide opportunity for civic, social and community involvement and improvement.
- E. Co-operate and co-ordinate with other charitable, for profit, non-profit, civic and governmental entities for the betterment of children and their families.
- F. Educate and inform local citizens, and their civic and social organizations and their Christian churches of the existence and purposes of this corporation and to serve as a resource in matters concerning and promoting Christian education and values.

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G. Receive, maintain and accept, as assets of the corporation, any property, whether real, personal or mixed, by way of gift, bequest, devise or purchase, from any person, firm, trust or corporation, to be held, administered and disposed of in accordance with and pursuant to the provisions of these Articles; but no gift, bequest, devise or purchase of any such property shall be received or made and accepted if it is conditioned or limited in such manner as shall require the disposition of income or principal to any organization other than a "charitable organization" or for any purpose other than "charitable purposes" within the respective meanings of such quoted terms as defined herein, or which would jeopardize the Federal Income Tax exemption of this corporation pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or acts in amendment thereof or substitution therefor (the "IRC").

#### III. DEFINITIONS

In these Articles of Incorporation and in any amendments to it:

- A. The terms "charitable organizations" or "charitable organization" shall mean corporations, or other entities formed under United States law, and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures or is payable to or for the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which do not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distributing of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The organizations described in this Article shall be such only as are entitled to exemption from income tax under § 501(c)(3) of the I.R.C.
- B. The term "charitable purposes" shall be limited to only religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes as defined in § 501(c)(3) of the I.R.C.

#### IV. MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission are provided for in the By-laws of the corporation.

#### V. TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation is to exist perpetually.

#### VI. STREET ADDRESS

The street address of the corporation is 36 Fairway Drive, Babson Park, FL 33827. The mailing address of the corporation is Post Office Box 1437, Lake Wales, FL 33859-1437. The Registered Agent is **JAMES M. NELSON**, and his address is 3311 Country Lake Circle, Lake Wales, FL 33898. The Board of Directors may, from time to time, move the principal office to any other address in Florida and may establish branch offices in other locations.

#### VII. DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall exclusively manage the affairs of the corporation and shall consist of no less than three (3) members and no more than nine (9) members. The Board shall be elected at the Annual meeting of the Board of Directors. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of the following persons with their addresses shown:

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#### NAME/ADDRESS

DALE ALLEN .
441 North Crooked Lake Drive
Babson Park, FL 33827

REV. ROY ELLIS -588 Cochise Madisonville, KY 42431

CHARLES HALL 11304 West Coral Court Crystal River, FL 34429

JAMES A. NELSON, M.D. 3316 Country Lake Circle Lake Wales, FL 33898 JAMES M. NELSON, C.F.P. / 3311 Country Lake Circle Lake Wales, FL 33898

REV. WALTER L. NELSON / 36 Fairway Drive Babson Park, FL 33827

REV. AJ STEVERSON 3630 Great Masterpiece Road Lake Wales, FL 33853

#### VIII. OFFICERS

The affairs of the corporation are to be set by the Board of Directors and carried out by a president, a vice president, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers as the Board of Directors determines. The Board of Directors will elect officers at least annually. The names and offices of the persons who are to serve as officers until the first election of officers are:

NAME

OFFICE

WALTER L. NELSON

JAMES M. NELSON, C.F.P.

TINA M. NELSON

KAREN STEVERSON

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

#### IX. INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation are WALTER L. NELSON, 36 Fairway Drive, Babson Park, FL 33827.

#### X. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES AND BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt, alter, and rescind the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its board members.

#### XI. NONPROFIT CHARACTER

A. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the I.R.C. or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal, state, or local government exclusively for public purposes.

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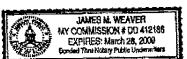
B. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the I.R.C. or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or (b) a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the I.R.C. or any other corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

GIVEN by the undersigned subscriber on April 7, 2005.

WALTER L. NELSON, incorporator

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me in Polk County, Florida, on April 7, 2005, by WALTER L. NELSON, personally known to me.



Notary Public

REGISTERED AGENT CERTIFICATE

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

NELSON MISSIONS, INC., desiring to organize and incorporate under Florida law with its principal office and its registered office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, has named JAMES M. NELSON as its agent to accept service of process within this State in compliance with Fla. Stat. § 48.091.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and agree to keep the office open in compliance with Fla. Stat. § 48,091.

JAMES M. NELSON, Registered Agent

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