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May 18, 2005

Florida Department of State
Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
Post Office Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

RE: Articles of Incorporation of Imani College of Theological Studies, Inc.

Dear Secretary of State:

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Imani College of Theological Studies, Inc.

Also, enclosed is our check in the amount of \$70.00 to cover the filing fee. Please return the extra copy of the Articles for the incorporation to my office after it has been filed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours truly,

BIVENS, JONES & ASSOCIATES



Edward W. Dawkins, Esquire

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Enclosures

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

IMANI COLLEGE OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, INC.

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a non-profit corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, certify and acknowledge the following:

ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of the Not of Profit Corporation is **Imani College of Theological Studies, Inc.**

ARTICLE II-TERM OF EXISTENCE

The term of existence or period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III-PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as may be amended.

This corporation is organized to provide a stimulating and challenging educational environment for biblical, theological, and ministerial instruction. It will further provide intellectual development that is rooted in sound academic principles and grounded in impregnable Christian theological integrity and values.

The corporation will further provide post secondary credit and non-credit biblical, theological, academic, and ministerial instruction that prepares students for ministry and lay leadership. Students completing instructional programs will be prepared for graduate studies, and ministerial leadership roles in the community and local church.

ARTICLE IV-MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications for membership and the manner of admission shall be as set forth in the by-laws.

ARTICLE V- INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The principal place of business of the corporation shall be, Be-The-Lite Christian Conference Center, 5865 Arlington Expressway, Jacksonville, Florida 32211. The name of the initial registered agent is Edward W. Dawkins, and the address of the initial registered agent is 1543 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 18-B, Orange Park, Florida 32073.

ARTICLE VI- DIRECTORS

The initial Board of Directors shall consist of 11 members who need not be residents of the State of Florida. The manner of election of corporate directors shall be as specified in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VII-INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as Directors until the first annual meeting of the members or until their successors have been elected and qualified are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Pastor Rudolph W. McKissick, Sr.	Bethel Baptist Institutional Church 215 Bethel Baptist Street Jacksonville, FL 32202
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Dr. Edythe M. Abdullah	2960 Marsh Elder Drive, South Jacksonville, FL 32226
Rev. Edward W. Dawkins	2918 Myra Street Jacksonville, FL 32205

Pastor Robert Dotson	101 Velvetleaf Drive Jacksonville, FL 32259
Pastor Michael McConnell	First Baptist Church 89 St. Francis Street St. Augustine, FL 322
Pastor Tom Diamond	Abyssinia Baptist Church 2360 New Kings Road Jacksonville, FL 322
Pastor Michael Norris	Zion Baptist Church 1611 G Street Brunswick, GA 31520
Pastor Michael Edwards	Tabernacle Baptist Institutional Church 903 East Union Street Jacksonville, FL 32206
Pastor Candace Lewis	New Life Community United Methodist Church 10696 Lem Turner Road Jacksonville, FL 32218
Sister Estelle McKissick	Bethel Baptist Institutional Church 215 Bethel Baptist Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

ARTICLE VIII-INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the initial incorporator is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Pastor Rudolph W. McKissick, Jr.	Bethel Baptist Institutional Church 215 Bethel Baptist Street Jacksonville, FL 32202

ARTICLE IX-BY-LAWS

The by-laws of the corporation shall set forth in detail the qualification for membership and voting rights.

ARTICLE X-DUTIES AND POWERS

Imani College of Theological Studies Inc., shall be a non-profit corporation and shall have all the duties and powers of non-profit organizations, and no member, officer or director shall be

authorized to do anything inconsistent with a non-profit corporation. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 III. No substantial part of any 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 publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to 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 by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE XI-STOCK

The corporation is organized and shall be operated on a non-stock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type or class of stock, but may issue membership certificates if so provided in the by-laws.

ARTICLE XII-DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the assets of the corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section for any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so distributed shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principle office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organization and

organizations that the court shall deem, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida on this 5th day of May, 2005.

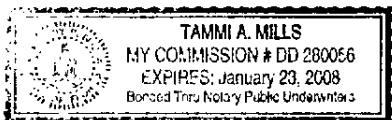

Pastor Rudolph W. McKissick, Jr.

STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF DUVAL)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Rudolph W. McKissick, Jr., the person described in and who subscribed the above Articles of Incorporation, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledge before me that he has made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, on this 5th day of May, 2005.

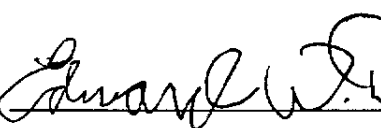



Notary Public-State of Florida

My Commission Expires:

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts his designation as registered agent for **IMANI COLLEGE OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, INC.**


Edward W. Dawkins, Esquire

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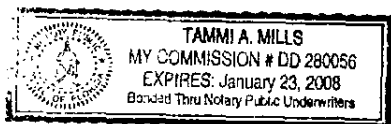
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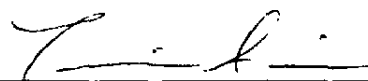
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COUNTY OF DUVAL)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Edward W. Dawkins, Esquire, the person described in and who subscribed the acceptance of Registered Agent, and he did freely and voluntarily acknowledge before me that he made and subscribed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida, on this 5th day of May, 2005.





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