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FROM: Session, Herman

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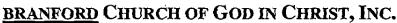
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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF



The Branford Church of God in Christ, Inc. Branford, Florida, are in voluntary association and the members of said church do voluntarily associate themselves with the Church of God in Christ, Inc. with headquarters in Memphis, TN. We are a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida and do herby certify:

#### ARTICLE I - NAME OF CORPORATION

The corporate name of this corporation shall be Branford Church of God in Christ, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II - ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICES**

The principal offices of said corporation shall be located at 1005 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.. In the city of Branford, FL 32811, Suwannee County, Florida.

### ARTICLE III - PURPOSE SECTION A. - THE PRIMARY PURPOSE

The primary purpose for which this corporation is formed is to: cultivate, promote, promulgate, and extend the teachings, precepts, practices and discipline of the Church of God in Christ denomination with headquarters in Memphis, TN and to conduct and maintain a Christian church according to said principles, creed, precepts, practices and discipline of said denomination.

This requirement shall not be deemed to preclude a statement of general purpose of power or to restrict the right of the Corporation to engage in lawful activity.

The purchase, receive, take, acquire, hold, sell, convey or otherwise dispose of property, whether it be real, personal or mixed; to receive property by devise or bequest, subject to the laws regulating the transfer of property by will, and to otherwise require and hold all property, real or personal, including shares of stocks, bonds, and securities of other Corporations, to wit:

Said property is to be held in trust for the use and benefit of the members of the Branford Church of God in Christ, Inc., with national headquarters in the City of Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, State Headquarters, Jurisdiction of Western Florida Church of God in Christ, Inc., City of Orlando, Orange County, Florida, and subject to the Charter, Constitution, Laws and Doctrines of said church, now in full force and effect, or as they may hereafter be amended, changed, or modified by the General Assembly of said Church.

The trustees of said corporation shall perform the following:

- To act as Trustees under any condition incidental to the principal subject of the Corporation, and to receive, hold, administer, and extend funds of property subject to such trust;
- To convey, exchange, lese, mortgage, encumber, transfer upon trust, or otherwise dispose
  of all property, real or personal;

- To borrow money, contract debts and issue bonds, notes debentures, and secure same;
- To contract and to be contracted with:
- To do all acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purpose of the Corporation;
- That the Corporation is organized pursuant to the general non-profit Corporation law;
- That the Corporation is a Corporation that does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof.

#### SECTION B. - THE FURTHER PURPOSE

Further, the purpose for which the Branford Church of God in Christ, Inc. is organized is exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of section 501© (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry, on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. All funds, whether income or principal and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

#### **ARTICLE V - EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS**

At all times shall the following operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the Corporation:

- The corporation shall not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise to its members. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member of the corporation, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its purposes. Such net earnings, if any, of this corporation shall be used to carry out the non-profit corporate purposes set forth in the above stated Article.
- No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of
  propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or
  referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in
  (including by 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 of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended.

#### ARTICLE VI - NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY

This corporation and no part thereof shall discriminate against its employees or members or any other person that chooses to do any kind of business with said corporation. This corporation

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accepts any race, color, national and ethic origin to enjoy all of the rights privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available. Where membership with the organization is required, said prospect must follow the rules as noted in the Amendment "Qualifying Members"

#### **ARTICLE VII - DURATION**

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - QUALIFYING MEMBERS**

Anyone shall qualify as a member of this corporation and will be admitted when he or she has satisfied membership requirements as set forth in the Official Manual of the Church of God in Christ.

#### ARTICLE XV - CIVIL STRUCTURE

The civil officers of the Corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as the Corporation shall establish. No Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

- (A) The President shall preside at all meetings and shall make an annual report of the status and condition of the corporation to the Board of Directors. The President shall sign all certificates, contracts, deeds and other instruments of the corporation. During the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-president shall exercise all the powers and discharge all the duties of the President based upon the general guidelines given in the Official Manual of the Church of God in Christ.
- (B) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings; shall have charge of the seal and corporate books and shall make such reports and perform such duties as are required of him / her by the corporation, and shall sign all certificates, contracts, deeds and other instruments of the corporation. The Assistant Secretary shall perform the duties of the secretary in his / her absence, or disability, or as directed by the corporation.
- (C) The Treasurer shall keep regular books of account and he/she shall disburse the funds of the corporation in payment of the just demands against the corporation or as may be required of him/her and as directed by the president of said Corporation. This person shall make an accounting of all his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation. The Assistant Treasurer shall perform duties of the Treasurer in his / her absence, disability or as directed by the corporation.
- (D) The officers of the Corporation shall hold offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified.
- (E) The Board of Directors shall meet at least once a year. Special meetings may be called if and when the same may become necessary. Directors who shall be given the title of Trustees shall be decided upon in an annual meeting of the church. Elections shall be made by secret ballot subject to the approval of the Pastor before such election is confirmed. If a vacancy occurs in the Board of Trustees, the remaining Trustees shall submit to the Pastor, for approval, the name of some person to fill out the unexpired term until the next annual meeting. The names and

addresses of the persons who are to act in the capacity of Directors until the selection of their successors and who shall be given the title of Trustees are:

Name	Address	City / State	Title
Jannette Session	2331 Myra St.	Jacksonville, Fl. 32204	
Elizabeth Session	2331 Myra St	Jacksonville, Fl 32204	
Nettie Jenkins	1005 NW 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave	Branford, Fl 32008	
Paul Wilkerson	804 NW 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.	Branford, Fl 32008	
Louise Wilkerson	804 NW 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.	Branford, Fl 32008	
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#### **ARTICLE X - PERSONAL LIABILITY**

No (member) officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the (members) officer, or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

#### **ARTICLE XI - DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation. In no case shall a disposition be made which would not qualify as a charitable contribution under Section 170(c) (1) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

#### ARTICLE XII - BYLAWS

Bylaws of the corporation may be made, altered, or rescinded by the members of the corporation at any regular meeting with a majority of the Board of Directors present.

#### **ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended upon 2/3 vote of the majority of the Board of Directors. Proposed amendments shall have been presented in writing prior to the date of the meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be acted upon.

#### **AMENDMENT EFFECTIVENESS QUALIFICATION**

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, when approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors present and voting as provided in Amendment VII, must also be forwarded to the Florida Secretary of State Office and filed before the same shall become effective.

#### **ARTICLE XIV - REGISTERED AGENT**

THE NAME OF THE REGISTERED AGENT
THE REGISTERED AGENT'S ADDRESS
THE REGISTERED AGENT'S CITY AND STATE AND ZIPCODE

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Branford Church of God in Christ, Inc.	

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Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as the registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statues relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Signature of the Registered Agent

Elder Herman Session 2331 Myra Street Jacksonville, Fl. 32204

Date

**ARTICLE XV - THE INCORPORATOR** 

THE INCORPORATOR NAME (MAYBE THE SAME AS THE REGISTERED AGENT)

THE INCORPORATORS ADDRESS

Signature of the Incorporator

Elder Herman Session 2331 Myra Street

Jacksonville, Fl.32204

Date

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