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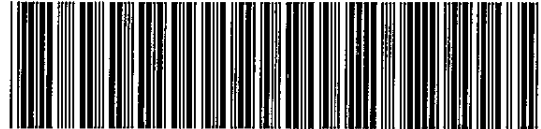
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tampa, Florida, Incorporated

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed are:

- a. Original and one(1) copy of Application for Reinstatement and Reincorporation of Legislatively or Judicially Chartered Not For Profit Corporation for The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- b. Certified copy of proposed Charter of The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, dated November 22, 1954, and approved by Hillsborough County Circuit Judge on December 3, 1954.
- c. Certified copy of Charter for Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, dated January 22, 1925.
- d. Certified copy of approval of the Charter for Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church by Judge of the Circuit Court for Hillsborough County, dated March 2, 1925.
- e. Original and one(1) copy of Certificate of Reincorporation for Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tampa, Florida, Incorporated.
- f. Check for : \$896.75, which includes the filing fee (\$35.00), registered agent fee (\$35.00), certified copy fee (\$8.75 + \$13.00 = \$21.75), certificate of status fee (\$8.75), and annual report fees from 1993 until the present (\$796.25).

FEES:

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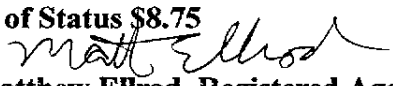
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OPTIONAL:

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Certificate of Status \$8.75


FROM: Matthew Ellrod, Registered Agent

Name (Printed or typed)

6642 Rowan Road, New Port Richey, FL 34653

City, State & Zip

(727)843-0566

Daytime Telephone number

**APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT AND REINCORPORATION OF
LEGISLATIVELY OR JUDICIALLY CHARTERED NOT FOR PROFIT
CORPORATION**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH s. 617.1623(1)(d), FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO REINSTATE AND REINCORPORATE A NOT FOR PROFIT LEGISLATIVELY OR JUDICIALLY CHARTERED CORPORATION WHICH WAS DISSOLVED ON JULY 2, 1992, PURSUANT TO s. 617.1623(1)(c):

1. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Name of corporation exactly as it appears in legislative or judicial charter.
2. 2901 North Highland Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602
Street address of the principal office of the corporation.
(This address will be used for the mailing of corporation annual reports)
3. March 2, 1925
Date of legislative or judicial incorporation
4. FEI Number 5 9 - 3 3 1 4 2 1 9 ☐ FEI Number applied for
☐ FEI Number not required
5. Name, address and title of current officers and/or directors:
(use additional page if necessary)

Title	Name	Street Address	City/State/Zip
President	Dora Lewis-Omoregie	8121 Canterbury Lakes Blvd.	Tampa, FL 33619
Vice President	Roberta Ward	21821 Dupree Drive	Land O' Lakes, FL 34639
Secretary	Sarah Brown	211 West Keys Avenue	Tampa, FL 33602
Treasurer	Sam Ward	21821 Dupree Drive	Land O' Lakes, FL 34639

6. Attached is a copy of the judicial charter and all amendments thereto certified by the Circuit Court of the county wherein recorded or a copy of the chartering law certified by the Department of State, Division of Elections as to legislative charters and completed Certificate of Reincorporation.

Sam Ward
Authorized Signature

Saw Ward, Treasurer

Name and capacity of person signing application
(see S. 617.10201(6))

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CERTIFICATE OF REINCORPORATION

Pursuant to s. 617.0901, Florida Statutes, this certificate of reincorporation was duly authorized by a meeting of its members regularly called or by a meeting of its board of directors if there were no members entitled to vote on the reincorporation:

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: **Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tampa, Florida, Incorporated**

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:
2901 North Highland Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

Exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. 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 this purpose. No substantial part 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 publishing 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, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) 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 (b) by 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. Upon dissolution of the corporation, assets 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 of 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 disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed: **Is by the voting members as prescribed in the church constitution and by-laws.**

ARTICLE V INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The **name and Florida street address** (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent
Matthew Ellrod, Attorney, 6642 Rowan Road, New Port Rich

ARTICLE VI INCORPORATOR

The **name and address** of the Incorporator is:

Sam Ward, Treasurer, 21821 Dupree Drive, Land O Lakes, FL 34639

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

Matthew Ellrod

Signature/Matthew Ellrod/Registered Agent

Sam Ward

Signature/Sam Ward/Incorporator

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Date

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Date

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PROPOSED CHARTER
of

THE ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We, the undersigned, for ourselves and our successors, do hereby associate ourselves together as a corporation not for profit under the Laws of the State of Florida, and particularly under Chapter 617 thereof, to form a religious society, under the following proposed charter:

I.

That the name of this corporation shall be: THE ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, and that this corporation shall be located in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, and that its permanent address is and shall be Tampa, Florida.

II.

That the general nature of the object of the corporation shall be a religious corporation or society to promote the cause of Christ, as set forth particularly in the following PREAMBLE, CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS:

Since the history of the Christian Church at all times proves that certain rules and regulations are necessary to properly attain the purpose and fulfill the obligations of a Christian congregation, and

Since we are convinced that according to the Word of God it is the duty of Christians:

- a. to fellowship with those who confess the true faith (Acts 2, 42-47; I Corinthians 1, 10.11; Hebrews 10, 24.25; * I John 2, 19**);
- b. to endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4, 3-6);
- c. to administer the Office of the Keys as a body (St. Matthew 18, 17; St. John 20, 22, 23);
- d. to conduct all the internal and external affairs of such body "decently and in order" (I Corinthians 14, 40);

Therefore, we, a Lutheran Congregation of the Missouri Synod, connected with the Synodical Conference, in the City of Tampa, in Hillsborough County, in the State of Florida, do herewith, in the name of the Triune God, adopt the following constitution in accordance with which our congregational affairs shall be conducted.

* And let us consider how to stir up one another unto love and to good works;

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the habit of some is; but encouraging one another; and so much more as ye see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10, 24.25.)

** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us. (I John 2, 19.)

CONSTITUTION

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Article I

Name

Our Congregation shall be known as:

The Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Article II

Confessional Standard

Our Congregation as a whole and all individual members of the same declare unreserved adherence:

- 1) to all canonical books of the Old and the New Testaments as the inspired Word of God and the only rule of faith and life;
- 2) to all the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true and sound exhibition of the Word of God. These Symbolical Books are the three Ecumenical Creeds (the Apostolic, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds), the Augsburg Confession and its Apology, the Smalcald Articles, the Small and Large Catechisms of Dr. Martin Luther, and the Formula of Concord as found in the Book of Concord of 1580.

These confessional standards, which have the Bible as their only source and guide, are to be the rule of faith and practice within this Congregation.

Article III

Membership

All persons baptized in the Name of the Triune God shall be regarded as eligible for membership.

All communicant members of this Congregation shall:

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- 1) be baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost;
- 2) subscribe to all the canonical books of the Old and the New Testaments as the only rule of faith and life and at least know and confess the doctrinal contents of the Small Catechism of Dr. Martin Luther
(Ordinarily this can be accomplished after instruction in Confirmation Classes or by confession of faith);
- 3) diligently hear the Word of God and partake of the Lord's Supper frequently;
- 4) lead a Christian life and avoid living in manifest works of the flesh (Galatians 5, 19-21: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murder, drunkenness, revellings and such like: of which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.");
- 5) not be members of any ungodly society;
- 6) conform to the resolutions of the Congregation in so far as they are not contrary to the Word of God, and submit to brotherly admonition when in error.

Article IV

Voting Members

A male communicant shall be considered a Voting member when he is twenty-one (21) years of age, has personally applied for membership and been accepted in the regular meeting, and has signed the Constitution of the Congregation.

Article V

Support of the Congregation

It shall be the duty of every member to contribute according

to his ability toward the maintenance of church and school, as well as to the payment of the congregational debts, if there are such, and also contribute to such building operations that the Congregation, trusting in God, may undertake, having been decided upon in proper public meeting of the Congregation.

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Article VI

Church Discipline

If a member, after vain application of the prescribed grades of admonition according to the Word of God, where that is possible (St. Matthew 18, 15-20: "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone; if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church let him be unto thee as a heathen man and a publican. Verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."), shall be excluded from the Congregation, he shall forfeit therewith all the privileges of a member and all claims to the property of the Congregation as long as he is not readmitted to membership.

The excommunicated person who repents of his sins and is willing to amend shall be received again into membership according to II Corinthians 2, 5-11: "But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow, where-with I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him. For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. To whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also; for if I forgave any things, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Article VII

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Termination of Rights and Privileges

The rights and privileges of membership in this Congregation shall cease and terminate when a member is released to a sister congregation; when he has been excommunicated by the Congregation; when he has excluded himself; or when he has left the Congregation without applying for a release or transfer, and no contact can be made with him within a reasonable period of time.

Article VIII

Pastors and Teachers

Only such pastors and teachers shall be called by this congregation as are in accord with the confessional standard of this congregation (Article II) and as have been prepared for their work and are well qualified for it. The right of calling pastors and teachers shall ever be vested in the congregation and shall never be delegated to a smaller body or to an individual. Reasons for dismissing a pastor shall be: persistent adherence to false teaching, an ungodly life, unfaithfulness or inability with reference to the performance of duties. For the election of pastors and teachers a unanimous vote is required.

Article IX

Congregational Authority

The Voters' Assembly shall have the highest authority in the administration of all internal and external affairs of the Congregation. No arrangement or decision for the Congregation or for a member of the Congregation is valid, whether it is made by an individual or a group within the Congregation, unless it is made in the name of and according to a general or special authority granted by the Congregation. All matters which are arranged or decided in the name of and according to groups within the Congregation, can always be brought to the Voters' Assembly as a whole as the highest authority for the final decision. But the Congregation has no right to arrange or to decide anything contrary to the Word of God and the Symbols of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Should this occur, all such arrangements and decisions are null and void.

To make a resolution of the Congregation valid, the consent of the majority of the members present at any meeting shall be required. It is the duty of all voters of the Congregation to attend the meetings whenever possible; absentees shall lose their right to vote in any meeting which they do not appear.

Every member may appeal to the Voters' Assembly in regard to any matter relating to the affairs and government of the Congregation, and its decision shall be final and binding.

Regularly called Pastors and Teachers shall be regarded as members of the Voters' Assembly and shall have all the rights and privileges commonly associated therewith. The Pastor (s) shall be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

Article X

Societies and Organizations

The sovereignty of the local Congregation as a divinely instituted society shall be upheld over against all other societies or organizations within the church. Therefore, such other societies or organizations that desire to organize and operate within the Congregation shall be permitted to do so only with the consent of the Congregation, to which at all times they shall be held responsible. The members of a society or organization shall always give Congregational obligations precedence.

Article XI

Amendments

Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any regular meeting, provided that the amendment had already been submitted in a previous meeting and that two-thirds of the voting members present cast their vote in favor of such amendment.

Article XII

By-Laws

This Congregation may adopt such By-Laws as the needs of the Congregation may demand.

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Section A

Reception of Communicant Members

Persons may join this Congregation as communicant members by giving the Pastor satisfactory evidence of their qualifications for membership. The names of such persons shall be announced at the next regular meeting of the Congregation and if no protest is entered and sustained their membership shall be confirmed by majority vote. Members shall be furnished a copy of the constitution and by-laws.

Section B

The Election of a Pastor

The election of a pastor shall be performed in the following manner, viz:

At a meeting of the congregation constitutionally qualified for the transaction of business, candidates shall be chosen by ballot, and the result of such ballot shall be publicly announced in two consecutive services. If no protest is entered and sustained, the persons chosen by ballot and published in the manner aforesaid shall stand recognized as candidates by the entire congregation at the next meeting properly convened, at which meeting the definite election shall be performed by ballot, and the candidate obtaining a majority of all votes cast shall be considered elected by the congregation.

Section C

Officers and Board

1. The OFFICERS of the congregation shall be: A President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Financial Secretary, a Sunday School Superintendent. These officers shall be elected for a term of one year.

II. The CHURCH COUNCIL shall be composed of: the officers of the Congregation, the Pastor, the Board of Elders, the Chairman of the Finance Board and the Board of Christian Education. 50% of membership shall constitute a quorum.

III. There shall be four permanent BOARDS: the Board of Elders, the Board of Christian Education, the Finance Board, and the Board of Trustees.

1. The number of members on each board shall be determined by the Voters' Assembly.
2. The members of the Finance Board, including the Financial Secretary, are to be elected at the regular meeting held in September and shall take office immediately upon their election.
3. 50% of the membership of any Board constitutes a quorum.

Section D

Duties of Officers and Boards

I. The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of the Voters' Assembly. The basis of procedure shall be Robert's Rules of Order except where they may conflict with the provisions of this Constitution. He shall have a vote the same as any other member. He shall appoint all committees duly authorized by the Voting Members. He shall also be an ex-officio member of all committees and boards and shall have the same rights as other members of the committee or board, but not the obligation to attend every meeting. Generally he shall discharge all duties incumbent upon the President or presiding officer of a corporation of this kind.

II. The duties of the VICE-PRESIDENT and the SECRETARY are those which usually are required of such officers.

III. The FINANCIAL SECRETARY shall receive all moneys and at the end of each month shall turn them over to the Treasurer.

IV. The TREASURER shall make disbursements only as authorized by the congregation. Both financial officers shall make a report at the regular meetings of the voters.

V. The SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, in cooperation with the Board of Christian Education, shall perform the duties which usually are required of this office.

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VI. The Pastor shall be chairman of the CHURCH COUNCIL. The Council shall assist the Pastor in governing the Congregation.

VII. The FINANCE BOARD shall keep themselves well informed in reference to the financial condition of the Congregation, shall see to it that all communicant members are annually supplied with envelopes for contributions, also that regular quarterly statements are issued to each member, shall make a quarterly report to the Church Council, stating how many contributing and non-contributing members there are, and shall embody such matters in its report as will well depict the financial situation of the congregation.

VIII. Among the most important duties of the BOARD OF ELDERS are the following: They shall discuss the needs and problems of the Congregation with the Pastor and among themselves and shall meet with the Pastor at regular intervals to discuss with him matters of importance to the Congregation. It shall be their duty to make recommendations to the Voters' Assembly, to do away with offenses, to settle disputes, to admonish the delinquent or otherwise erring members in true brotherly love, to help lead the meetings of the Voters' Assembly, to guard against all disturbances of public worship, to welcome guests and visitors in the services and invite them to come again. They should always be intent upon Congregational affairs. They should seek to aid the progress of the Congregation in every possible way.

IX. TRUSTEES. The members of the Board of Trustees (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer of the Congregation) shall have authority in the Congregation only in such manner and for as long a time as the Congregation grants them such authority. All properties of the Congregation shall be entrusted to the Trustees to be administered by them, in the name of the Congregation, as the property of another entrusted to their care. They shall be therefore empowered to close contracts, to sign documents, to appear before Court to transact all business which the Congregation as such would have to transact, but not in such a manner as if they were empowered to deal with these properties according to their own will and opinion, but to transact such business only according to the regular resolution and order of the Voters' Assembly, the latter must be responsible with its properties and hold the Trustees blameless in any case; if, however, the Trustees, without a resolution or order of the Voters' Assembly, administer properties of the Congregation according to their own will, they shall be personally responsible to the Congregation.

Section E

Meetings

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The regular Voters' Meetings of this Congregation shall be held on the first (1st) Monday after the first (1st) Sunday of every month. Extra meetings may be called by the Church Council and by the President. Every Voters' Meeting shall be announced at a Sunday public service previous to its date; and when a meeting has been announced in such public service on the previous Sunday, it shall be a valid and legal meeting, capable of transacting business, providing that at least seven (7) voting members of the Congregation (quorum) are in attendance.

Section F

Mode of Election

Candidates for all regular offices in the Congregation shall be placed in nomination by a duly authorized Nominating Committee which shall be appointed annually in the October meeting of the Voters' Assembly. They shall report the entire slate of candidates in the November meeting. The Voters' Assembly may nominate additional candidates. The election of officers shall take place by ballot in the December meeting and the installation of the newly elected officers shall be held on the last Sunday of the year.

Section G

Amendments

Suggested amendments to these By-Laws must be presented at a regular meeting. The passing of such amendments requires a two-thirds-majority vote of those present.

The corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simple, in trust, or otherwise, to both real and personal property, and to improve, encumber, sell, convey, and dispose of all such property, in conformity with the provisions of the foregoing Constitution and By-Laws, and shall likewise have the power to erect and maintain buildings for the worship of God, for training in Christian faith and conduct, and for Christian social intercourse, and to acquire, or build, and maintain residences for the use and occupancy of its ministers and assistants.

IV.

The term for which this corporation shall exist is perpetual, or until sooner dissolved.

V.

The names and residences of the subscribers hereto are;
M. J. Perrino, Tampa, Florida; Leo Stalnaker, Jr., Tampa, Florida;
Fred A. Letzner, Tampa, Florida; William C. Schaub, Tampa, Florida;
A. E. Varga, Tampa, Florida.

VI.

The qualification of members and the manner of their admission shall be in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing Constitution (Article 3) and By-Laws (Section A).

VII.

The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by the officers as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws aforesaid, and the times at which they shall be elected and appointed shall be as set forth in the foregoing Constitution and By-Laws (Sections C and F).

VIII.

The names of the officers who are to manage all the affairs until the first election or appointment under the charter are:

M. J. Perrino, President,	William C. Schaub, Treasurer,
Leo Stalnaker, Jr., Vice President,	A. E. Varga, Financial Secretary,
Fred A. Letzner, Secretary,	O.A. Struck, Sunday School Supt.

IX.

The By-Laws of the corporation are to be made, altered or rescinded as provided in the foregoing Constitution and By-Laws.

X.

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation may at any time subject itself, shall be \$200,000.00 but shall never be greater than two-thirds of the value of the property of the corporation.

XI.

The amount in value of the real estate which the corporation may hold, subject always to the approval of the circuit judge, shall be the amount of \$300,000.00..

Any conveyance, transfer or encumbrance of any property of this corporation shall be signed and executed in the name of the corporation by its President and Secretary, with the corporate seal of the corporation thereunto affixed.

Dated, this 22nd day of November, A. D. 1954.

M. J. Perrino
M. J. Perrino

Leo Stalnaker, Jr.
Leo Stalnaker, Jr.

Fred A. Letzner
Fred A. Letzner

William C. Schaub
William C. Schaub

A. E. Varga
A. E. Varga

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

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Before me, the undersigned authority, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments of deed, etc., personally appeared M. J. Perrino, who being by me first duly sworn, the said M. J. Perrino being well known to me and known to me to be the person who is one of the subscribers who executed the foregoing charter, and he acknowledged that the foregoing charter was executed by the persons whose names are signed thereto, for the uses and purposes therein expressed, as their free act and deed, and that the said proposed charter is intended in good faith to carry out the purposes and objects set forth therein.

M. J. Perrino
M. J. Perrino

Subscribed before me
this 3rd day of November, A.D. 1954.
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large,
My commission expires _____
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large,
My commission expires _____

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CHAS. H. PENT DEPUTY CLERK

APPROVAL OF CIRCUIT JUDGE

I do hereby find that the foregoing charter is in proper form and for an object authorized by Chapter 617, Laws of Florida, relating to corporations not for profit, and I do hereby approve the said charter and hereby endorse this, my approval, hereon.

Dated at Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1954.

C. E. Smith
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared C.R. PETERKIN, who being by me duly sworn, depokes and says that he is the Treasurer of THE RHOADES COMPANY, a corporation organized under the laws of Florida, and that not less than \$1000.00 of the capital stock of said corporation has been paid in in money.

C.R. Peterkin

SWORN to and SUBSCRIBED before me this 18 day of May, 1925.

Frances M. Freeman
Notary Public
State of Florida
at Large

Frances M. Freeman
Notary Public State of Florida
at Large.

My commission expires Sept. 30, 1926.

Filed May 19, 1925 at 8:00 A.M.

W.A. Dickenson Clerk

By Mercedes Remondy D.C.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CHARTER
FOR CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the persons whose signatures are signed to the proposed Charter hereto attached and made a part hereof will, on the 2nd day of March, A.D. 1925, at ten o'clock A.M., or as soon thereafter as they by counsel can be heard, apply to the Honorable Judges of the Circuit Court in and for Hillsborough County, Florida, in the court house of said county and state, for charter for ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, of Tampa, Florida, a corporation not for profit.

Dated this 22nd day of January, A.D. 1925.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH.

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND
FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA:

We, the undersigned, the duly elected Voting Members of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tampa, Florida, wishing to form a corporation not for profit, to-wit: a Religious Society, as provided under Section No. 4499 of the Revised General Statutes of the State of Florida, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming incorporated and present to the Court our proposed Charter as follows:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation shall be "ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH", and the place where it is to be located is Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida.

ARTICLE II.

The general nature of the object of this corporation shall be to create Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church a body corporate, in which shall be vested the title to all real estate and personal property, belonging to said Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Tampa, Florida, or such property, real or personal, as may hereafter be acquired by gift inter vivos, devise or otherwise to said Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, the title to said real and personal property held by said corporation to be held in trust for the said Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, said corporation being authorized and empowered to take charge of all the church and parsonage property of said Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, employ janitors, furnish light and fuel, keep the said property insured and look carefully after other needs, from time to time, of the said property, and to purchase real or personal property for such purposes. Said corporation shall have power and be authorized to raise funds for extraordinary expenses, such as building churches or make extensive repairs, or paying large debts, in such manner as it may deem best and shall report the same to the Quarterly Conference of said Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, for approval and cooperation; with the consent of said Quarterly Conference, said corporation shall have power and authority, when so authorized by said Quarterly Conference, to lease, rent, mortgage or sell all or any Church or parsonage property held by said corporation in trust, as aforesaid; provided that the proceeds arising therefrom shall be used in purchasing, repairing or building a new church or parsonage property, within the bounds of the said Quarterly Conference of said Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Provided, however, that all parties leasing, renting, loaning money to or purchasing church property of any nature, from said corporation, shall not be obliged to see to the faithful application of the proceeds, arising therefrom, on the part of said corporation. Said corporation shall have power to mortgage or to place a lien of any kind on real estate so held by it in trust, provided said mortgage or lien is given as part of the purchase price for real estate purchased by said corporation, or provided same is for the purpose of raising money for the erection of a church building or buildings, parsonage or other necessary building, or for repairing or otherwise improving the same, and it shall further be the object of this corporation to exercise such further powers as are conferred upon the Voting Members as providing in the Constitution of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Tampa, Florida.

ARTICLE III.

The members of this corporation shall consist of all persons who shall be duly elected as Voting Members of said Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, by the usual conference of the members of said church, held on the third Sunday in January each year, and the qualification of each member of this organization shall be that said member shall be a Voting Member of said Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Tampa, Florida, and shall by virtue of having been selected as such Voting Member be deemed as a member of this corporation.

ARTICLE IV.

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

ARTICLE V.

The names and residences of the subscribers of this corporation are as follows:

Name	Residence
Christian F. Bremer,	Tampa, Florida,
Gas A. Bremer,	Tampa, Florida,
Jos. H. Bremer,	Tampa, Florida,
Herman E. Burchard,	Valrico, Florida,
Thomas R. Ferguson,	Tampa, Florida,

George H. Hermansdorfer,	Tampa, Florida,
Arno W. Krause,	Tampa, Florida,
Edwin H. Kellerman,	Tampa, Florida,
Michael M. Kromer,	Tampa, Florida,
Ferdinand Lutjens,	Tampa, Florida,
August B. Mugge	Tampa, Florida,
Rudolf Ohme,	Valrico, Florida,
Edward Olsen,	Tampa, Florida,
Christian Peter,	Tampa, Florida,
Herman H. Regener,	Lake Magdalene, Fla.,
Otto Reiner,	Tampa, Florida,
Herman Schenck,	Tampa, Florida,
August Schoen,	Tampa, Florida,
Ralph Voss,	Tampa, Florida,
Robert Voss,	Tampa, Florida,
William A. Walthe,	Tampa, Florida,
John W. Winston,	Tampa, Florida.

ARTICLE VI.

The affairs of this corporation are to be managed by the following officers, namely, a President, Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and more than one office may be held by one person, provided the office of the President and Vice-President may not be held by the same person, and said officers shall be annually elected at a meeting of the members of this corporation held for said purpose, said meeting to be held within one month preceding the Annual Conference of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tampa, Florida.

ARTICLE VII.

The names of the officers who are to manage all the affairs of this corporation, until the first election under this Charter, shall be as follows: August B. Mugge, President; John W. Winston, Vice-President; Arno W. Krause, Treasurer, and Ferdinand Lutjens, Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII.

The by-laws of this corporation are to be made, altered or rescinded by a majority of the members of the same, at any time, and shall be in conformity to the doctrine, constitution and discipline of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States of America.

ARTICLE IX.

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which this corporation may, at any time, subject itself shall be Sixty-one Thousand (\$61,000.00) Dollars.

ARTICLE X.

The amount in value of real estate which the corporation may hold shall be One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars, and such additional amounts as may be approved by the Judge of the Circuit Court in and for Hillsborough County, Florida.

Subscribed by us this the 28th day of January, A.D. 1925.

Ferdinand Lutjens
R. Ohme
Otto Reiner
M.W. Kromer
Christian Peter
Jos. H. Bremer

Arno W. Krause
 Gus. A. Bremer
 Herman Schenck
 H.M. Regener
 Edwin H. Kellerman
 Thos. R. Ferguson
 C.H. Hermansdorfer
 John W. Winston
 Edw. Olsen
 Robert Voss
 W.A. Walthe
 C.F. Bremer
 Wm. H. Haupt
 H.E. Burchard
 August Schoen
 Ralph Voss
 INCORPORATORS.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Gus A. Bremer, to me known to be one of the subscribers to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who acknowledged before me that he signed and executed the same as one of the incorporators thereof, and he acknowledged that said proposed Charter was intended in good faith to carry out the purposes and the objects set forth therein.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 22nd day of January, A.D. 1925.

Nettie Gunco

Notary Public.

My commission expires February 16, 1925.

Nettie Gunco
 Notary Public
 State of Florida
 at Large

STATE OF FLORIDA,
 HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally came Gus A. Bremer, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says: that he is one of the subscribers to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation; that he solemnly swears that the proposed Charter of said corporation is intended in good faith to carry out the purposes and objects set forth therein.

Gus. A. Bremer

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of January, A.D. 1925.

Nettie Gunco

Notary Public.

Nettie Gunco
 Notary Public
 State of Florida
 at Large

STATE OF FLORIDA
 COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE
 AND CORRECT COPY OF THE DOCUMENT ON FILE IN
 MY OFFICE. WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL
 THIS 21 DAY OF January, 1925



PAT FRANK
 CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
 BY Pat Frank D.C.

PROPOSED CHARTER
 OF

ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
 OF TAMPA, FLORIDA.

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STATE OF FLORIDA,

County of Hillsborough

Filed for Record

This Jan. 30 1925

Recorded in _____ Book _____

Page _____ and record verified.

W.A. Dickenson

Clerk Circuit Court

By R.L. Kyte

Deputy Clerk.

STATE OF FLORIDA,

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH.

I, W.A. Dickenson, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Hillsborough County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing proposed Charter of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tampa, Florida, was filed in my office on the 30 day of January, A.D. 1925, and that same has been continuously on file in my office since the 30th day of January, A.D. 1925.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, this the 2nd day of March, A.D. 1925.

Circuit Court
Seal of
Hillsborough County

W.A. Dickenson

Clerk of Circuit Court of Hillsborough
County, Florida.

By Frances M. Toland

Deputy Clerk.

The foregoing proposed Charter of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Tampa, Florida, having been presented to me for approval at ten o'clock A.M. on the 2nd day of March, A.D. 1925, together with proof of the publication of the notice of intention of incorporators therein named to apply to the judges of the Circuit Court in and for Hillsborough County, Florida, at said time, which sets forth fully the said proposed charter, which said notice has been duly published in the Observer, a newspaper published in Hillsborough County, Florida, once each week for four consecutive weeks, as appears by proof of publication of said notice produced to me, together with said proposed Charter which has been on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County, Florida, as required by law, and no cause having been shown to the contrary, and it appearing to me that said proposed Charter is in proper form, and for an object authorized by law, the same is therefore approved by me, and I have in witness thereof endorsed this my approval thereon.

Done and order this March 2nd A.D. 1925.

L.L. Parks

Judge of the Circuit Court in and
for Hillsborough County, Florida.

Filed Mar. 2, 1925 at _____

W.A. Dickenson Clerk

By Mercedes Fernandez D.C.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE
AND CORRECT COPY OF THE DOCUMENT ON FILE IN
MY OFFICE. WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL
THIS 27 DAY OF MARCH, 1925



RAY FRANK
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT