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#### SUBJECT:

Casa de Adoracion Sanando La Tierra, Inc.

Enclosed an original two(2) copys of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

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## Casa de Adoración Sanando La Tierra, Inc.

Incorporation stated below files with the State Department of Florida this Articles of Incorporation with the purpose of forming a Non Profit Foundation under the laws of the State Of Florida.

## Preamble

Moved by the strong conviction of a calling to raise a church where every new believer can worship the Lord and is welcomed from a lost world to salvation through Jesus Christ, we have established a church with the foundations of the Apostles and Prophets; being Jesus Christ the cornerstone, formed by a body of believers as an assembly unified to worship God, fellowship, council and instruct in the Word of God and to execute spiritual gifts, those who are provided to us by the New Testament.

Be it resolved that we are to be known as a body of believers in accordance with the local assembly, who worship God as a united body, executing legal rights given to non profit organizations by the Constitution of the United States of America and we agree to be governed by them.

#### Article I

## Name

The name of this Foundation shall be known as Casa de Adoracion Sanando Lá Tierra, Inc.; (Cross Reference Name: House Of Worship Healing The Land, Inc.) a non profit organization in accordance with laws of the United States Constitution and its duration shall be perpetual.

#### Article II

# Principal Office / Terms of Existence

The physical address shall be: Discovery Middle School 601 Woodbury Road, Orlando, FL 32828, but may establish openly this Church in different states throughout the United States by the Casa De Adoracion Sanando La Tierra, Inc. main office in the State of Florida. This Foundation will have a Perpetual Existence.

#### Article III

## **Purpose**

In order to meet the organizational test for exemption under section 501 (c) (3) Articles of Incorporation are to include the following provisions:

- a. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- b. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- c. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for e public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the County in which the principal office of the organization is then located exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said could shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
- d. In order to insure the compensation is determined in an unbiased manner, the organization adopt the following resolution:

  We agree that the majority of our Board of Directors will be non-Salaried and will be not related to salaried personnel or to parties providing services. In addition, the salaried individuals cannot vote on their own compensation and that compensation decisions will be made by the Board.

Casa de Adoracion Sanando La Tierra (House of Worship Healing the Land) exists to exalt and glorify the name of Jesus healing the hearts through the proclamation of the

gospel and for the restoration and edification of the church. In addition, we have five basic principles explained in continuation:

- 1. Promote the Christian faith in Jesus Christ as it is revealed in the Holy Scriptures by means of communication, be it visual, verbal or written.
- 2. Provide for the preaching, teaching and promote the growth of the Christian movement religion in all places, to license and ordain ministers; carry out the work of evangelism; promote missionary work and the organization of churches, their growth and development though local sovereignty and independence in accordance with this Constitution.
- 3. Establish and maintain sanctuaries, ball rooms, offices for business, school facilities, day care facilities, recreational facilities, and campgrounds for the use and enjoyment of religious groups and any other building or structure that will be necessary for the propagation of the gospel.
- 4. Collect, solicit and accept funds, gifts and other subscriptions to maintain the security of loans, rents, sell and acquisition or disposition of properties, real estate, intangibles in the maintenance of the purposes expressed by this church; thus, execute all the powers needed and convenient to effect one or all of the purposes for which this congregation has been established.

## **Article IV**

# **Principles of Autonomy**

We maintain as scriptural and fundamental that the church is governed through local men qualified to rule called elders. Along with the Elders, there are deacons, who serve the congregation as it is said in Philippians 1:1. These men must fulfill the requirements in accordance with the Biblical foundation (1 Tim 3; Titus 1:5-9). This is, that the local church is sovereign under the government of Christ, and that every power exercised by each church as a congregation and its decisions made are non revocable or submitted to change by another ecclesiastic group. This church is autonomic; however, the council and advice of qualified ministers from other ecclesiastical bodies with the same Biblical principles shall be sought.

## Article V

#### **Doctrinal Foundations**

The fundamental teachings of this congregation are reflected in the following declarations of faith:

1. The Scriptures are Inspired by God – The scriptures, New Testament as well as Old Testament, are verbally inspired by God and are the revelation of God to mankind, the infallible rule and authority for faith and conduct. (2 Tim 3:15-17; 1 Tes 2:13; 2 Pet 1:21).

- 2. There is only one true God The only true God has been revealed as having existence in Himself "I AM", Creator of the heavens and the earth and Redeemer of humanity. He has revealed himself incarnated; this relation and association as Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Det 6:4; Is 43:10, 11; Mat 28:19; Luke 3:22).
- 3. The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, the Bible declares: His virgin birth (Mat 1:23, Luke 1:31, Luke 1:35), His sinless life (Heb 7:26, 1 Peter 2:22), His miracles (Acts 2:22, Acts 10:38), His substitution work on the cross (1 Cor 15:3, 2 Cor 5:21), His bodily resurrection from the dead (Mat 28:6, Luke 24:39, 1 Cor 15:4), His exaltation to the right hand of God (Acts 1:9, Acts 1:11, Acts 2:33, Phil 2:9-11, Heb 1:3).
- **4. The Creation, test and fall of men** Man was crated good and just, because God said: "Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness"; However, man from his own will fell into transgression, occurring not only physical death, but also spiritual death, which is eternal separation from God (Gen 1:26, 27; 2:17; 3:6; Rom 5:12-19).
- 5. The Salvation of man The only hope of redemption for men is through the blood shed by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Conditions for salvation are: Repentance towards God and faith towards Jesus Christ. By the washing of the bloodshed and the regeneration of the Holy Ghost, being justified by grace through faith, men becomes heir of God according to the hope of eternal life (Luke 24:47; John 3:3; Rom 10:13–15; Ephe 2:8; Titus 2:11; 3:5–7). The evidences of salvation are: The outward evidence to all men is a life of righteousness and true holiness in all matters of life (Eph 4:24; Titus 2:12).
- 6. The ordinances of the Church Baptism through immersion in water (Mat 28:19; Mark 16:16; Acts 10:47, 48; Rom 6:4). Holy Communion (2 Pedro 1:4); remembrance of his suffering and death (1 Cor 11:26); a prophesy of his second coming (1 Cor 11:26); and, a commandment to all believers, "Until He comes back".
- 7. Baptism in the Holy Ghost According to the command of Jesus Christ, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is in fact needed for a service and use of spiritual gifts in power according to each individual ministry (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8; 1 Cor 12:1–31). New birth (Acts 8:12–17; 10:44–46; 11:14–16; 15:7–9). With the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the believer received an experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit (John 7:37–39; Acts 4:8), a profound reverence to God (Acts 2:43; Heb 12:28), an intense consecration and a more intense dedication to God and his work (Acts 2:42) and an active love for God, his Word and the lost (Mark 16:20).
- 8. The Physical evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost The baptism of believers in the Holy Ghost is witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives them utterance (Acts 2:4). The speaking in tongues in this instance is the same in essence as the gift of tongues, but is different in purpose and use (1 Cor 12:4-10, 1 Cor 12:28)

- 9. Sanctification Sanctification is an act of separation from all evil and dedication to God (Rom 12:1, 2; 1 Tes 5:23; Heb 13:12; Heb 12:14; 1 Pet 1:15, 16). Sanctification is evidenced in the believer when this one recognizes its identity with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection, and proposes to live each day in this communion with Christ, submitting to dominion of the Holy Ghost all his faculties (Rom 6:1–11, 13; 8:1, 2, 13; Gal 2:20; Phi 2:12, 13; 1 Pet 1:5).
- 10. The church and its mission The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit, is an integral part of the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn, which are written in heaven (Eph 1:22, 23; 2:22; Heb 12:23). Since God's purpose concerning man is to seek and to save that which is lost, to be worshipped by man, and to build a body of believers in the image of His Son, the priority reason for being of the Assemblies of God as part of the Church is: To be an agency of God for evangelizing the world (Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19, 20, Mark 16:15, 16). To be a corporate body in which man may worship God (1 Cor 12:13). To be a channel of God's purpose to build a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Eph 4:11-16, 1 Cor 2:28, 1 Cor 14:12). The church exists expressly to give continuing emphasis to this reason for being in the New Testament apostolic pattern by teaching and encouraging believers to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. This experience: Enables them to evangelize in the power of the Spirit with accompanying supernatural signs (Mark 16:15-20, Acts 4:29-31, Heb 2:3, 4). Adds a necessary dimension to worshipful relationship with God (1 Corinthians 2:10-16; 12; 13; 14). Enables them to respond to the full working of the Holy Spirit in expression of fruit and gifts and ministries as in New Testament times for the edifying of the body of Christ (Gal 5:22-26, 1 Cor 14:12, Eph 4:11,12, 1 Cor 12:28, Col 1:29).
- 11. The Ministry A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the threefold purpose of leading the Church in: Evangelization of the world (Mark 16:15-20). Worship of God (John 4:23, 24). Building a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Eph 4:11-16).
- 12. Divine Healing Divine healing is an integral part of the gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the atonement, and is the privilege of all believers. (Is 53:4, 5, Mat 8:16, 17, James 5:14-16).
- 13. The Blessed Hope The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord is the imminent and blessed hope of the church (1 Thes 4:16, 17; Rom 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Cor 15:51, 52).
- 14. The Millennial Reign of Christ The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on earth for one thousand years (Zech 14:5, Mat 24:27; 24:30; Rev 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel,

(Ezekiel 37:21,22, Zephaniah 3:19,20, Rom 11:26,27) and the establishment of universal peace (Isaiah 11:6-9, Psalms 72:3-8, Micah 4:3,4).

- 15. The Final Judgment There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the devil and his angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to the everlasting punishment in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Mat 25:46, Mark 9:43-48, Rev 19:20, 20:11-15, 21:8).
- 16. New Heavens and New Earth "We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." (2 Peter 3:13, Rev 21, 22).
- 17. Marriage We believe that marriage according to the Holy Scriptures is constituted between a man and a woman.
- 18. Church Government We believe that the government of the church is instituted by God in the Holy Scriptures and Ministers as governors appointed by God for our benefit. Resisting leaders is resisting the ordinances of God. We are not in submission to the leadership only by maters of judgment, but by the conscience that recognizes our loyalty to God by being faithful to the church and its ministers.

## Article VI

#### **Board of Directors**

#### 1. Board of Directors

This church will be governed in its entirety for all of its matters by the Board of Directors, which is constituted by a minimum of three (3) or five (5) members; however, this can be increased according to the needs, being these qualified elders. If the Board of Directors is constituted by three (3), this shall be the President, Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer and one (1) vocal. If it consists of five (5), this shall be the President, Vice-president, Secretary/Treasurer, and two (2) vocals. In addition, the Board of Directors will consist of Elders scripturally qualified.

#### a. Responsibilities of the Secretary

This person will maintain archives with minutes of all procedures of annual meetings and extraordinary meetings, and any other responsibility pertaining to this position as assigned by the Board of Directors.

## b. Responsibilities of the Treasurer

This person shall be the keeper and custodian of all funds of the church, which will be deposited to the name of the church in the bank or banks selected by the Board of

Directors. The Board will arrange, by resolution, all aspects of signatures at the moment of assigning this position until it is changes or reassigned by the Board or its President. The Treasurer will present all of the books or accounts to any of the members of the Board or committees named by the President when a review is required. All reviews will be done by a Certified Public Accountant every three months or when needed.

#### 2. Directors

The Board of Directors will consist of the following:

- President and Senior Pastor
- Vice-President and minister
- Vocal and Minister
- Secretary/Treasurer and elder
- Vocal and elder

#### 3. New Members

New members to the Board will be names by the President/General Pastor when needed. All members of the Board will be chosen and accepted based on the scriptural requirements in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 to be officials of the church. No person that is not part of the elders of the church can be considered to be part of the Board.

## 4. Duration of positions for the Board of Directors

All members of the Board of Directors will maintain their position for life, but will be subject to removal in any moment when they cease to fulfill the requirements for which they were assigned.

#### 5. Replacement

The Board of Directors will determine (based on the majority of votes of three (3) elders, being the quorum of its components) when any member of the Board is not fulfilling its duties for the position and members of the Board can retire voluntarily.

#### 6. Pastor

Even though the members of the Board can be removed by votes of the Board, the pastor (based on scriptural requirements) can be removed by the majority of the votes of the Board, as well as by confirmation of three fifths of the voting membership for his removal and replacement.

#### 7. Successor of the Pastor

The pastor will have the authority to name his successor in accordance with the Board of Directors.

## 8. Powers and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

They will be able to use their powers and responsibilities for:

- a. Conducting businesses on behalf of the congregation
- b. Appeal to the proper authorities to conduct business on behalf of the congregation with the state or the nation.
- c. Name an attorney, but only with the consent of the Board, to execute any documents for or in representation of the Board of Directors.
- d. Manage and administer gifts, legacies, or any kind of benefits for the congregation.
- e. Manage and control investments, pay any dues, bills or obligations from funds when needed.
- f. Employ people when needed and discuss any employees.
- g. Properly care and maintain reviews and archives of all payments; furthermore, the names Treasurer must prepare for the congregation a financial report of all church business every beginning of the year.
- h. Call the general assembly for an annual meeting or an extraordinary meeting. This date has to be notifies with at least two weeks of anticipation.
- i. In the event of the church dissolution, none of the financial requirements will be done from the personal assets of any of the Board of Directors; however, the payment of debts and obligations will be done by the sale of property and refund of any bank funds to the name of the church.

## Article VII

# **Delegates (Syndicates)**

## 1. Syndicates

The Board of Directors, in occasions, will also constitute the Board of Syndicates. The Senior Pastor will automatically be the President of the Syndicates.

## 2. Powers and Responsibilities of the Syndicates

The powers and businesses of the congregation, while it relates to the business of personal property or real estate, will be conducted, administered and controlled by the Syndicates for the promotion of the purpose of the Church as it is stipulated in Article II. The powers of the Syndicates include:

- a. The purchase, sale or rent of any business of real estate or personal property in the name of the Congregation.
- b. Manage and maintain any funds that the church has entrusted.

- c. To sale, negotiate, loan or donate property, three fifths of the voting membership must accept it in the annual or extraordinary meeting to approve such transaction.
- d. Exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors described in Article b.8 implied by the law and when these relate to any business of any property of the church.

In the absence of the President or Vice-President from a Syndicate meeting, the rest of the delegates can make decision, as long as these are not in spiritual matters. Any financial decisions determined by these Syndicates shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

## **Article VIII**

#### Teams

#### 1. Number of Officials

Officials of the church will consist of the President, Secretary/Treasurer and the Pastor. These officials only come from the Board of Directors.

#### 2. Teams

The Board of Directors can name or remove one or more of the teams that consist of officials or assistants whenever necessary. Any official can serve for an unlimited amount of consecutive terms. These officials can include elders, deacons, deaconesses, and leaders of various departments in the church and any member that is recommendable.

#### 3. Council of the church

Together, all the officials of these teams, along with the Board of Directors, constitute the church council. The officials of every department constitute the teams. All the teams will be helpers subject to the authority of the Board of Directors, and will only execute a delegated and limited authority given by the Board.

#### 4. The Pastor

Whoever is a member of the Board, will automatically be an officer of the committees assigned by the Board of Directors. The Senior Pastoral position is perpetual and can only be removed or replaced in accordance with the provisions names in Article b.6. The Senior Pastor will not take any action independently without the approval of the Board of Directors, nor the Board of Directors without the approval of the Senior Pastor.

## 5. Replacements

Any member of the Board, the teams or council of the church can resign voluntarily or be removed by the Board of Directors, if in its judgment the interests of the church are not being served according to the Scriptures. Any vacancies for the reasons of death, resignation, replacement for disqualification or any other form will be replaced by the Board of Directors or the Senior Pastor.

## Article IX

## Membership

## 1. Requirements

The membership of "Casa de Adoracion Sanando La Tierra" consists of people that meet the following requirements:

- a. Personal faith in Christ as Lord and Savior, and a desire to obey the commandments expressed in Acts 2:37-47.
- b. Be in accordance with the Foundational truths established in Article IV.
- c. A lifestyle consistent with a conduct worthy of the Christian faith.
- d. Regular attendance of the celebrations and regular activities of the church.
- e. Financial support of the church with their tithes and voluntary offerings.
- f. Voluntary submission to the spiritual leaders of the church.
- g. Application of membership for the senior pastor and Board of Directors.
- h. All members are encouraged to attend the seminar for Members "Your New Life in Christ" (discipleship).

#### 2. Membership

The church membership will be limited to those who fulfill the requirements mentioned and have expressed a desire to be a member, and the disposition to cooperate with the purpose of the church.

There will be three classes of memberships designated to this church, Active Members, Associate Members (those who will be residing in other places temporarily, but want to maintain their membership) and young people less than eighteen years of age. The membership can be rejected by the Board if it is decided that such person's actions or behavior will damage the church.

#### 3. Voting Members

Any member with the right to vote will be over eighteen years of age and have a consecutive attendance of over three months after becoming a member. Voting members have the right to vote in any of the general meetings or extraordinary meetings, as long as it is done in person.

## 4. Limitations to Voting

Members of this congregation having voting privilege, may exercise it only in the following areas; to removed and or replace the Pastor according with Article V, VI; the purchase of land and properties, and the disposition of funds in case of the dissolution of the congregation as has been presented on Article XI. Members of the assembly have the privilege of information related with the finances of the church in the annual business meetings.

## 5. Discipline of the Members

Conduct that is contrary to the Holy Scriptures determined by the presbytery will be sufficient evidence for a person to possibly be disqualified as member. Some of the scriptures that support such disciplinary actions are: Romans 16:17-18; 2 Tes. 3:6-15; 1 Corinthians 5:11-12; Titus 3:10; Galatians 1:18; 2 John 1:9-11. The steps for the discipline of any member must be always consistent with the instructions given in Mathew 18:16-20 & Galatians 6:1.

The purpose of the discipline is for restoration and remedial; nevertheless, if a person is separated from the communion with the saints, these must not be reinstated until there has been repentance, restitution and reconciliation of the offense, which will be certified by the Pastor and confirm by the elders of the church.

#### 6. Archives

The Board of Directors periodically will review and will get up to date the list of active members according to membership requirements. Continuous absences from regular church celebrations for three (3) months, without reasonable excuse, constitute being removed from membership. People that may want to remove from membership, people that moved far away and might enter in affiliation with other religious groups must notify the Pastor or the presbytery of the church of such intention.

#### Article X

## Regulations

#### 1. By-law

These regulations are to provide for the construction and adoption of a group of rules, which will be in union and in conjunction to the constitution.

## 2. Amendment

The power to alter, correct, or annul any by-law or adopt new rules it is invested in the Board of Directors, and such amendments or alterations should be appropriate by all of the members of the Board of Directors.

#### I. Government

## A. Type of Government

The government of Casa de Adoración Sanando La Tierra (House of Worship Healing the Land) is of Theocratic type; this is the Lordship of Christ through ministries who He has appointed, providing a divine balance in the government of the Church. This government is constituted by Elders and Deacons. The first one belongs to government, and the second to service. This church will be administer and govern by a body of elders that jointly with the Senior Pastor will lead the flock to the fulfillment of the purpose of God.

## B. Relation of the Congregation and the Elders

- a. What the congregation can not do:
  - o Choose their own leaders by the democratic method.
  - o Control the leadership in relation to the direction of the Church.
  - o Control the finances of the church in relation to the tidings and offerings.
  - o Discipline leadership.

## b. What the Congregation can do:

- o Pray for those who watch over them.
- Submit to the leadership and obey as so the leadership obeys the word of God. (Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24).
- Consent and confirm affairs related to buildings / real estate / extensions in the development of the property of the Church.
- o Confirm matters of discipline or excommunication of members that do not repent. (Mathew 18:15-20 & 1 Corinthians 5 are examples of this).

#### II. Elders

As mention above, this church in its totality will be govern and directed by men and women qualified called Elders. These will be nominated according to what has been established on Article V of our constitution. The qualifications to be appointed will cover the following order:

- a. Spiritual Qualifications- spiritual life.
- b. Character Qualifications- personal life and secular.
- c. Domestic Qualifications- marital life, wife, kids, home and neighbors.
- d. Ministerial Qualifications-functions in the church.

## A. Elders Responsibilities

The function of the Elders will be according with the measure of the gift or talents given to them by Christ, the Head of the Church (Mathew 25:14-30, Luke 12:41-48, 11-26).

- a. Direct the flock of the Lord (Hebrews 13, 17, 24, 1 Timothy 3:4-5).
- b. Teach the flock of the Lord (1 Timothy 5, 17, Titus 1:9, 1 Timothy 3:2).
- c. Pastor the flock of the Lord (Acts 20:17, 28; 1 Peter 5:2).
- d. Administration of the flock (Titus 1:7, 1 Peter 5:2-3).
- e. Take care of the flock (James 5:14-15).
- f. Govern the flock (1 Timothy 5:17, 1 Corinthians 12:28).
- g. To live for the flock (John 10, Jeremiah 23, 1-5)
- h. Keep the flock from false ministries (Acts 15).

## B. Responsibilities of the Congregation with the Elders

Although the Elders are not perfect they are the authorities establish by God over the people. In the event that the elders need discipline, it will be done according to the Biblical pattern in Timothy 5:19-20.

- a. The congregation needs to recognize and approve them. (Rev 2:2).
- b. The congregation should appreciate and have them in high regard in the Lord (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).
- c. Will not accept accusations against an Elder without witnesses (not only the accusers) (1 Timothy 5:19).
- d. Obey them and summit in the Lord (Acts 13:17).
- e. Called them when they are sick (James 5:14-15).
- f. Persevere in the doctrine that they teach (Acts 2:48).
- g. Pray for them (Ephesians 6:18-20).
- h. Wait for the ministry to discipline those who insist in sin. (1 Timothy 5:20), do not criticize.

## III. Deacons

The New Testament does not recognize any other office but the Elder and the Deacon. The three groups of people mentioned in Philippians 1:1 are the saints, bishops and Deacons. These will direct and guide the body of Christ (the church).

## A. The spirit of deacon

Jesus Christ as the head of the church gave us an example of the deacon; it was so, because He had a servant spirit. Christ is the Deacon, servant and one in all. He did not come to be served, but to serve and give his life in rescue of many. (Mark 10:42-45; Romans 15:8). To his disciples he said: "el whoever wants to be greater, will be a servant" (Mathew 20:25-28). All members of the body of Christ, be it elder, deacon or saint, must have a servant attitude – a servant spirit (1 Kings 12:6-7). Everyone must have a servant spirit, although not all have that position.

## B. The Qualifications

- o Spiritual Qualifications
- o Character Qualifications
- o Domestic Qualifications

## C. The authority of the Deacon

As it is mentioned, Deacons are servers to the elders and the congregation; therefore, they have a delegated and limited authority. The measure of their authority is given by the elders.

## D. Duration of the position

Different from the elders, whose position is for life, unless they are disqualified, the position of the Deacon might be limited. Being a Deacon is not a position, it is a function. This position is created by men and confirmed by God. The position and its functions are established by the elders and or Senior Pastor meanwhile his responsibilities are being fulfilled. This church recognizes women in this ministerial capacity as long as they reunite those qualifications. These women are called deaconesses.

- E. Relationship of the Deacon with the elders and the congregation
- a. The deacons must maintain a servant spirit to the elders as unto the Lord.
- b. The deacons must maintain a servant spirit unto the members of the congregation to whom they serve.

#### IV. Pastor

This church recognizes the pastoral ministry as one of the government ministries of the church. The pastor, along with the elders, will guide the flock unto its divine purpose.

## Responsibilities of the Pastor to the Congregation

- 1. Direct and Guide the flock (Acts 13:7-17 & 24).
- 2. Teach the flock (1 Timothy 5:17, Tito 1:9).
- 3. Pastor the flock (Acts 20:17 & 28).
- 4. Administer the flock (Titus 1:7).
- 5. Care for the flock (James 5:14-15).
- 6. Govern the flock (1 Timothy 5:17).
- 7. Live for the flock (Juan 10, Jeremiah 23:1-5).
- 8. Keep the flock from false ministries (Acts 15).

## Responsibilities of the Congregation to the Pastor

- 1. The Board will assign a salary to the pastor and founder of this church in accordance with the financial condition of the church, the existing life level and considering the needs of his family.
- 2. The church will provide for the pastor's social security while he is functioning as the pastor.
- 3. The church will provide for continuous education for the pastor, including expenses for seminaries and conferences.
- 4. The church will provide medical insurance and a retirement plan for the pastor.

#### V. Ordinances

## A. Baptism in water

Those who have professed Christ as their personal Savior will be baptized in immersion. These are the requirements for baptism:

- 1. Personal Conviction (Acts 2:37).
- 2. Repentance (Acts 3:38).
- 3. Faith (Mark 16:16, Acts 3:38).
- 4. Obedience (Acts 9:6, 22:16).

## B. Holy Communion

This church will celebrate Holy Communion with regularity and only those who have been baptized will be able to participate of this event.

## C. Discipline

In any place where there is a group of people, there must also be order; there must be rules of conduct. These rules must be obeyed with a desire of the Herat, not by imposition. It is necessary to have a disciplinary system in the church due to the sinful nature of the human being.

## Discipline has two principal aspects in Scripture:

- 1. Restoration (Galatians 6:1).
- 2. Condemnation (1 Corinthians 11:29-32, 2 Corinthians 2:6-8, 11).

This church will take disciplinary actions when one or more of the following aspects are present:

#### A. Doctrinal offenses

1. For heresy, this is the teaching of false doctrines contrary to the Word of God.

#### B. Conduct offenses

This is related to the relationship between brethren.

1. Fornication (1 Corinthians 5:1)

This includes adultery, moral impurity, homosexuals, lesbianism, incest, orgies and any other immoral practice.

2. Greed (1 Corinthians 5:11)

Love of Money, this is idolatry

3. Idolatry (1 Corinthians 5:11)

Anything between God and the believer, literal idols or spiritual idols.

4. Cursing (1 Corinthians 5:11)

Abusive language, one that is against everything and talks about their leaders or brethren, one hard to deal with.

- 5. Drunkenness (1 Corinthians 5:11)
- 6. Stealing (1 Corinthians 5:11)
- 7. Out of order conduct (2 Thessalonians 3:6-15)
- 8. For creating division (Romans 16:16-18)
- 9. Sectaries (1 Corinthians 3:1-3, Ephesians 5:12)
- 10. For not discerning the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:23-32)

Discipline in the church will be administered by the elders. In the event of excommunion the congregation will agree to it. As it is said in our Constitution, all discipline will be consistent with the Biblical patterns. Furthermore, any voluntary violation to the rules of conduct that this church has adopted, with relation to the dress code, social activities, sinful habits and illicit businesses will be enough grounds for discipline.

#### VI. Additions

1. We believe that many of modern fashion is not appropriate for the house of the Lord.

Believers in particular should not be influenced by traditions of this world. It is a Biblical principle that the believer will dress in a decent manner with modesty, understanding that the outer ward must not overcome the inward. For the members of our church we have adopted the following dress code in relation to our weekly celebrations in the house of the Lord, and any other activity to the public. The following is constituted inappropriate dress code in the House of the Lord.

- Sisters in pants
- Mini Skirts
- Sport ware
- Any kind of provocative or scandalous clothing (men or women)
- Shorts
- 2. In addition, with relation to accessories, we recommend using modesty. (1 Peter 3:3-4)
- 3. We are against any kina of use (in any manner) of alcoholic beverages, tobacco and illicit drugs. (2 Corinthians 7:11).
- 4. With relations to bank deposits, this church will not make personal loans to any person or company, and will not co-sign for any business in particular if it is not related to church matters.
- 5. With relations to musical instruments, motor vehicles, and any other equipment for church use, we do not allow personal use of these.

#### **Article XI**

# Dissolution of the Congregation

#### 1. Dissolution

These will be determined by a unanimous decision of the Board of Directors and confirm by the majority of votes of the active members of the church.

#### 2. Debts

In case of dissolution of such congregation the Board of Directors will pay or will make provision for the payments of obligations of the congregation from the capital of funds of the congregation.

#### 3. Distribution of Funds

According to all conditions mention prior, all the remaining capital of the congregation will be given or distributed to other religious institutions and or non-profit organizations in consistent form with this provision and the purpose of the congregation under the direction of the Board of Directors.

## **Article XII**

# Initial Registration of the Official Agent

The registered Initial Agent for this documentation shall be Reverend Alex F. Castro. The address of the initial Registered Office for the church is 2657 Lyndscape St. Orlando, FL 32833.

## Article XIII

# Name and Addresses of the Incorporators

Name	Address	Date
Rev. Alex F. Castro	2657 Lyndscape St. Orlando, FL 32833	February 23, 2006
Rev. Arlyn Y. Castro	2657 Lyndscape St. Orlando, FL 32833	February 23, 2006
Daisy Vargas-Roberts	2021 Autumn View Dr. Orlando, FL 32828	February 23, 2006
Doris Bonnet	1650 Sand Lake Rd 205 Orlando, FL 32809	February 23, 2006
Walter Acuña-Morillo	501 Pinnacle Cove #204 Orlando, FL 32824	February 23, 2006

## Article XIV

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal By Laws shall be vested in the Board of Directors or Incorporators.

## **Article XVI**

# **Amendment of Articles of Incorporation**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the matter provided by law. The Incorporators or Board of Directors shall approve every amendment. All of the Directors and Incorporators sign a written statement manifesting their intention that certain amendments of these Articles of Incorporation are made.

23 <sup>rd</sup> day of February 2006.	ors executed these articles of incorporation this
Rev. Alex F. Castro, President	
Rev. Arlyn Y. Castro, Vice-President	Grlyn Castro
Daisy Vargas-Roberts, Secretary _	Less Concold
Doris Bonnet, Treasurer	
Walter Acuña-Murillo, Vocal	MA 199

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

In compliance with the Florida Business Corporation Act, the following is submitted:

That CASA DE ADORACION SANANDO LA TIERRA, INC., desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principle place of business at City of Orlando, County of Orange, State of Florida, has named:

I am accepting being Registered Agent

Reverend Alex Castro Registered Agent

At the mailing address: Business address: 2657 Lyndscape St. Orlando, FL 32833 601 Woodbury Road, Orlando, FL 32828

As its agent to accept service of process within this State.

Rev. Alex F. Castro

Have been names to accept service of process for the above Stated Corporation, at the place designated in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of said act relative to keeping open said office.

Rev. Alex F. Castro

## IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FLORIDA STATUES, SECTION 617.0202 (D)

The following is submitted:

That Casa de Adoracion Sanando La Tierra, Inc., as established in Article VI of the Articles of Incorporation, is adding the method of election of director and is as follows:

There will not be an election process. Reverend Alex Castro, the permanent incumbent, will accept candidates and will evaluate them according to their contributions to the organization. The Reverend Alex F. Castro is the only person that will have the right to choose the members of the Board of Directors.

Rev. Alex F. Castro

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