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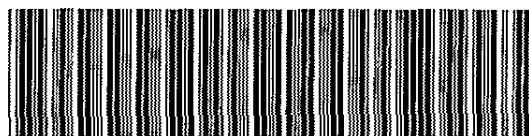
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September 22, 2006

Reverend James L. Houston  
3113 Mae Road  
Tallahassee, FL 32312

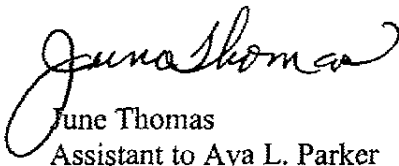
**Re: Articles of Incorporation for  
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc.**

Dear Reverend Houston:

Enclosed is the original copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above church. Please have each director sign by their name as noted in the document. I have also enclosed a transmittal letter that you may use for filing said document. Please make sure that you include an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check made payable to the Department of State for \$87.50.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please call if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



June Thomas  
Assistant to Ava L. Parker

Enclosures

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

SUBJECT: Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for:

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certificate of Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate of  
Status

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM:

Rev. James L. Houston

Name (Printed or typed)

3113 Mae Road

Address

Tallahassee, FL

City, State & Zip

850-385-4286

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF LAKE CITY, INC.**

**ARTICLE ONE**

The name of the corporation shall be:

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Lake City, Inc.

**ARTICLE TWO**

The principal place of business for this corporation shall be:

838 South West CR 242A  
Lake City, FL 32025

**ARTICLE THREE**

The specific purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

The general purpose of this corporation is to foster and encourage religious worship in accordance with the principles of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; that it shall purchase, take, receive, lease take by gift, devise or bequest, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, or otherwise deal in and with real or personal property, or any interest therein wherever situated, in trust, for the use and benefit of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It shall have the right to make conveyance of its property in accordance with the rules of the general body of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the current edition of "The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church"; it being understood that said corporation shall not be required to accept any such donations or gifts not in harmony with the purpose and object of said corporation.

**ARTICLE FOUR**

The term of existence of the corporation is as follows:

The corporation shall have perpetual existence, unless it becomes in conflict with the laws of the African Methodist Episcopal Church as found in the current edition of "The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church" and is dissolved in the manner provided by law. In the event of dissolution of the corporation and after the payment of all debts, and monies or assets remaining shall not inure to benefit of any

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individual, but shall be held in trust by The East Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

The manner in which the Board of Trustees and the Directors shall be appointed is as follows:

The Board of Trustees and Directors shall be appointed in accordance with the current edition of "The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church".

#### ARTICLE SIX

The bylaws that will govern the corporation are as follows:

The Bylaws that will govern this corporation are the laws as are encouched in, "The Doctrine and Discipline of the American Methodist Episcopal Church" and such amendments to said book as is revised and compiled by the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc. periodically and thereafter.

#### ARTICLE SEVEN

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, unless limited as follows:

The powers and responsibilities of the corporation are limited by the rules and regulations of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc. and the current edition of "The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church".

#### ARTICLE EIGHT

The name and the street address of the initial registered agent is:

Bishop McKinley Young  
101 East Union Street, Suite 300  
Jacksonville, FL 32202


#### ARTICLE NINE

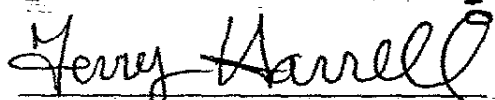
The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

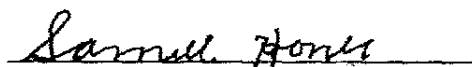
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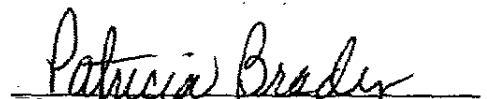
President/Director:	Reverend James L. Houston	3113 Mae Road Tallahassee, FL 32312
VP/Director:	Samuel Honer	102 SW Honer Lane Lake City, FL 32025
Treasurer/Director:	Terry Harrell	424 SW Tustenuggee Ave. Lake City, FL 32025
Secretary/Director:	Patricia Brady	343 SW Presley Terrance Lake City, FL 32025
Director:	Cathryn Brown	976 SW Jones Terrance Lake City, FL 32025
Director:	Dennis Murphy	436 SW Thompkins Loop Lake City, FL 32025
Director:	Simon Honer	408 SW Presley Terrance Lake City, FL 32025
Director:	Raymond Brady	343 SW Presley Terrance Lake City, FL 32025
Director:	Melvin Wintons	546 SW Packard Street Lake City, FL 32025
Director:	Fred Jones	1022 SW CR 242A Lake City, FL 33025
Director:	Johnnie L. Dix	1294 Packard Street Lake City, FL 32025
Director:	Sammie Harrell	215 SE Camelot Loop Lake City, FL 32025

The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2006.

  
Reverend James L. Houston

  
Terry Harrell

  
Samuel Honer

  
Patricia Brady

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Melvin P Wintons  
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Dennis Murphy Sr.  
Dennis Murphy

Fred Jones  
Fred Jones

Simon Honer  
Simon Honer

Johnnie L. Dix  
Johnnie L. Dix

Raymond Brady  
Raymond Brady

Sammie Harrell  
Sammie Harrell

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501 or 617.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered agent, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is:  
  
Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Lake City, Inc.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:  
  
Bishop McKinley Young  
101 East Union Street  
Suite 300  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

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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 registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provision of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent.

BISHOP MCKINLEY YOUNG  
BISHOP MCKINLEY YOUNG