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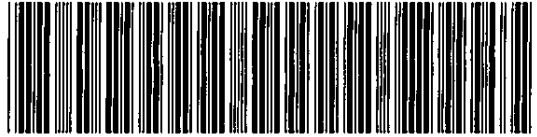
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Department of State
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SUBJECT: The Covenant of Mercy St. Mary Ethiopian Orthodox
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)
Tewahedo Church, INC.

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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☐ \$78.75
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FROM: TESFAYE ASKAL
Name (Printed or typed)

9210 Jaybird Cir - East
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Jacksonville, FL 32257
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

February 21, 2008

TESFAYE ASKAL
9210 JAYBIRD CIR EAST
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32257

SUBJECT: THE COVENANT OF MERCY ST. MARY EHTIOPIAN ORTHODOX
TEWAHEDO CHURCH, INC.
Ref. Number: W08000009355

We have received your document for THE COVENANT OF MERCY ST. MARY EHTIOPIAN ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

The document must contain a registered agent with a Florida street address and a signed statement of acceptance. (i.e. I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities of Registered Agent.)

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

You must list at least one incorporator with a complete business street address.

Section 607.0120(6)(b), or 617.0120(6)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that articles of incorporation be executed by an incorporator.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6879.

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Article of Incorporations
Of
The Covenant of Mercy St. Mary Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo
Church, Inc.

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Article of Incorporation of the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Florida Statutes Chapter 617, do hereby certify:

First: The name of the Corporation shall be - The Covenant of Mercy St. Mary Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, INC.

Second: The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the City of Jacksonville, Duval County. 5142 Harlow Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32210.

Third: Said corporation is organized exclusively for religious and educational, 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.

Fourth: The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the corporation are as follows:

Tesfaye Askal (Chairman)

9210 Jaybird Cir E, Jacksonville, FL 32257

Tewolde Woldegerima (Secretary)

1506 Flash Pine CT, Orange Park FL 32073.

Yeshiwork Adamu (Treasurer)

3124 Groveland Drive, Orange Park FL 32065.

Fifth: No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof. 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, the 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.

If reference to federal law in articles of incorporation imposes a limitation that is invalid in your state, you may wish to substitute the following for the last sentence of the preceding paragraph: "Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation."

Sixth: Upon the 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.

Election and Terms of Office

(a) The Board of Directors shall be elected by the General Assembly of the Parishioners of the Covenant of Mercy St. Mary's Church by rising of hands.

(b) Each Director shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, 50% of which shall be elected each year. Upon the expiration of initial terms, subsequent term shall be for a period of two (2) years. All members in good standing are eligible for re-election.

(c) The General Assembly of Parishioners shall examine and pass the report of the Auditor on the work of the retiring Board before holding election for a new Board of Directors.

(d) The outgoing Board of Directors shall remain in office until the duly elected incoming Board has been elected by the Assembly of Parishioners and has assumed the duties and obligations of office. The outgoing Executive Committee shall immediately transfer all property, files, records and official documents to the new Executive committee. The Auditor must check and pass upon the inventory of all property, books and official papers of the Church. All the outgoing Executive Committee as well as the incoming Committee must sign the transfer.

Register Agent

I (Tesfaye Askal) hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities of Registered Agent.

Tesfaye Askal, 9210 Jaybird Cir East, Jacksonville, Florida 32257.

Signature: Tesfaye Askal Date: 3-12-08

Incorporator

Tesfaye Askal
9210 Jaybird Cir East
Jacksonville, FL 32257

Signature: Tesfaye Askal Date: 3-12-08

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