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

SUBJECT: Paradise Lu	utheran Church, Inc. (PROPOSED CORPORAT	E NAME – <u>MUST INCLU</u>	DE SUFFIX)	
Enclosed is an original a \$70.00 Filing Fee	nd one(1) copy of the Article \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	s of Incorporation and a \$\frac{1}{2}\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy ADDITIONAL CO	\$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate	
FROM: Amy Kiser Name (Printed or typed)				
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

July 14, 2008

AMY KISER 535 CENTRAL AVENUE ST PETERSBURG, FL 33701

SUBJECT: PARADISE LUTHERAN CHURCH, INC.

Ref. Number: W08000033150

We have received your document for PARADISE LUTHERAN CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. 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.

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) 245-6933.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF PARADISE LUTHERAN CHURCH, INC.

The undersigned incorporators, being all natural persons of the age of eighteen (18) years or more and a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a not-for-profit corporation under the not-for-profit laws of the State of Florida, Chapter 617, Florida Statutes as restated and amended, do hereby certify:

ARTICLE I. CORPORATE NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be Paradise Lutheran Church, Inc.

ARTICLE II. CORPORATE LOCATION AND MAILING ADDRESS

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located and the mailing address shall be at is 10255 Paradise Blvd., Treasure Island, Florida 33706.

ARTICLE III. CORPORATE PURPOSE

The general objects and purpose of this Corporation shall be:

- (a) To glorify God and to help in the extension of His Kingdom among men for their salvation, by promoting and disseminating the Christian religion as expressed in the doctrine and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;
- (b) To form a church to be conducted in the accordance and standards, doctrine and worship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with the power in the said corporation to establish and conduct schools and other means of propagating the Gospel and to teach the truth of God's word and the Christian religion;
- (c) To organize, conduct and carry on at various places efforts and undertakings for the general spiritual, moral and societal wellbeing and improvement of its members and of the community in which they live; and
- (d) For the purpose of promoting the foregoing objects this Corporation shall have the right to acquire, either by gift or purchase, and to hold, own sell, mortgage, or encumber in any manner, lease and improve real property and personal property for the sole and exclusive use of the corporation; provided, however, that in buying, selling or mortgaging real property, the officers of the Corporation shall act only under the authority granted in a duly constituted meeting of the members of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV. RESTRICTIONS ON CORPORATE POWERS

The Corporation shall possess all powers granted to not-for-profit corporations under the laws of the State of Florida and shall be subject to all restrictions imposed upon such corporations, and in addition thereto, the following restrictions shall apply:

- 4.1 No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make expenditures, payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof.
- 4.2 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 (i) 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 (ii) 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.
- 4.3 Not withstanding 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.
- 4.4 The Corporation is not organized or operated for the benefit of private interests
- 4.5 All assets of Corporation will be permanently dedicated to an exempt purpose as defined under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

ARTICLE V. DURATION OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

Said Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VI. DISPOSITION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of sections 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding sections of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal, 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 VII. QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS; ADMISSION

The certification, qualifications, methods of selection, withdrawal, censure, and suspension of members shall be set forth more fully in the By-Laws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII. SUBSCRIBERS

The names and addresses of the original incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Wilma Christina Lillich

6530 68th Street North

Pinellas Park, Florida 33781

Joan Kirschner

11280 8th Street E

Treasure Island, Florida 33706

Sharon Koelsch

11582 Shelly Circle

Seminole, Florida 33772

Bruce Helmich

14024 W. Parsley Drive

Madeira Beach, Florida 33708

ARTICLE IX CHURCH COUNCIL, AND OFFICERS

- 9.1 The affairs of this Corporation shall be conducted and managed by a Church Council, also known as the Directors (subject to and in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Corporation) composed of the Pastor of the Congregation and not less than six (6) nor more than twelve (12) additional voting members as may be provided within the By-Laws of the Corporation.
- 9.2 Qualifications of members of Church Council, also known as the Directors, method of nomination and election, and terms of office shall be set forth in the By-Laws of the Corporation.
- 9.3 The said Church Council shall, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Corporation, elect from its own membership a President who shall be a lay member, Vice President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer, and other officers as may be designated in the By-Laws of the Corporation.
- 9.4 In conducting and managing the affairs of the Corporation, the Church Council shall not infringe upon the duties and powers of any of the church boards as prescribed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

9.5 Any one or more of the members of Church Council may be recalled and their election nullified by a petition signed by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the Corporation.

ARTICLE X. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, DEVISES AND BEQUESTS; APPLICATION THEREOF

The Church Council may accept on its behalf, any designated contribution, gift, or devise consistent with the general purposes of the Corporation, and where consistent with the purposes of the Corporation as set forth in designated contributions by donors, and designations will be honored as to special funds, purposes or uses. The Corporation at all times reserves all rights over, interest in and control over such contributions and the full discretion as to the ultimate expenditure or distribution of such contributions to the satisfaction of any specified fund, purpose or use. The Corporation shall, at all times, have full control over all donated funds and discretion as to their use so as to insure that all contributions will be used to carry out its religious purposes. In the event the Corporation shall be the beneficiary of any gift, devise or bequest, subject to the conditions subsequent with respect to the administration or alienation of said property, the Corporation shall, at all times, act in a manner consistent with such conditions and religious purposes to be served by such conditions. In the event any member of the Church Council acts in any manner inconsistent with conditions imposed upon the gifted property, which could impair the ability of the Corporation to continue to hold and own said property, such action is cause for removal of said Church Council member. To avoid undue intrusion on the purposes of said Corporation, should the Corporation become the owner of more than 50% of the voting power of any business enterprise, the By-Laws shall provide a means by which said voting power shall be exercised, to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Florida, by the persons who manage said enterprise.

ARTICLE XI. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the members of the Corporation. Amendments of the By-Laws may thereafter be proposed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members at any regular or special meeting thereof, provided that notice of such meeting containing the text of the proposed By-Law amendment is furnished to each member at least five (5) days prior to such meeting, and shall be ratified and approved by the membership.

ARTICLE XII. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Amendments of the Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by majority vote of the members at any regular or special meeting thereof, provided that notice of such meeting containing the text of the proposed Article amendment is furnished to each member not less than five (5) days prior to such meeting, and shall be ratified and approved by the membership.

ARTICLE XIII. OFFICE AND RESIDENT AGENT

The Corporation shall maintain initial offices at 535 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701, and the registered agent thereat shall be:

GEORGE K. RAHDERT

535 Central Avenue

St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators swear that the members have voted and a sufficient number have approved and thereby adopted these Articles of Incorporation in its entirety this 291^k day of 3une 200 8.

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ACCEPTANCE OF RESIDENT AGENT

GEORGE K. RAHDERT, a natural person residing in the State of Florida, hereby accepts appointment as Resident Agent of Paradise Lutheran Church, and whose principal office is 535 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701.

GEORGE K. RAHDERT

