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SUBJECT: FIRST HAITIAN BAPTIST Church of Lakeland Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: JOSEPH Longuits Guy VILSAINT, Pastor
Name (Printed or typed)

2011 Lori Lane West
Address

Lakeland, Florida 33801
City, State & Zip

863-665-3074
Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLE OF INCORPORATION

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation not for profit pursuant to chapter 617 Florida Statutes adopt the following articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation is Lakeland First Haitian Baptist Church, Inc. The period of duration of this Corporation is Perpetual unless dissolved according to the law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the sith day of April, 2009.

ARTICLE II

The principal place of business of the corporation is 2120 Sylvester road, Lakeland Fl 33803. The mailing address of the business is 2011 Lori Lane W. Lakeland, Fl 33801

ARTICLE III

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are as follows:

1. To preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, promote holiness and worship of God among its members and attendants, and the practice of Christian virtues as admonished by the Holly Scriptures.
2. To employ and discharge ordained, licensed and commissioned ministers of the Gospel, and others, to conduct and carry on divine services at a place of worship, and elsewhere, and to collect and disburse and all necessary funds for the maintenance of said corporation.
3. To provide appropriate religious education and training for its members and those attending its church school and other educational meetings and classes.
4. To acquire property whether real, personal or mixed, by purchase, gift, legacy, bequest or in any manner and to borrow money, issue bonds or notes, and a.. other documents necessary or appropriate in carrying out the objects and purposes set forth in this ARTICLE III
5. To do all and everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the purposes herein stated, or incidental to the powers named, or which shall at any time appear conductive or expedient for the promotion of its welfare, and the accomplishment of the purposes herein stated.
6. All the purposes and the powers of the corporation shall be subject to and in accordance with the government and discipline of the church of the First Haitian

Baptist Church as is from time to time set forth in the official annual of said South Florida Baptist Association(as the parent denomination) published by the authority of the General Assembly of the churches of the South Florida Baptist Association.

ARTICLE IV

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by Lakeland First Haitian Baptist Church, Inc. Church Board which shall consist of not less than three individuals in good standing in the church of the First Haitian Baptist Church, Inc. The number, tenure of office, manner of election and filing of vacancies shall be provided in the By-Laws of the corporation as stated in the Manual, Church of the South Florida Baptist Association.

ARTICLE V

The street address and city of the initial registered office of the corporation is 2120 Sylvester Road; Lakeland, Fl 33803 and the name of the registered agent at such address is: Joseph Longuits Guy Vilsaint, President and Pastor.

ARTICLE VI

The officers of the Corporation are the incorporators. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, a Secretariats, and a Treasurer. The Secretary and Treasurer may be the same person. The manner of election, tenure of office and filing vacancies shall be as provided in the By-Laws of the Manual of the Church of the South Florida Baptist Association. The initial officers of the Corporation are as follows:

President: Joseph Longuits Guy Vilsaint

2011 Lori Lane west

Lakeland, Florida 33801

Secretary: Joseph Cazeau

:1139 Olive Street

Lakeland, Fl 33815

Treasurer : Jean Hyacinthe

2735 Kathryn ave

Lakeland, Fl 33805

ARTICLE VII

This corporation is organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the international Revenue Code of 1954 as a subordinate unit under an original group exemption letter issued to the General Board of the South Florida Baptist Association as its headquarters in Florida Baptist Convention at Jacksonville, Florida 32207, 1230 Hendricks Avenue on May 20, 1993. In the event of the dissolution of the First Haitian Baptist Church of Lakeland, the residual assets of the organization will be distributed by the Advisory Board as provided by Manual of the Florida Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE VIII

The Corporation shall provide By-Law for its government not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, the laws of the State of Florida and the United States, nor inconsistent with the government and discipline of the Church of South Florida Baptist Association as may be from time to time provide din the official Manual of said Church.

ARTICLE IX

The terms of admission to membership in this Corporation shall consist of membership in good standing in the ecclesiastical body known as the Lakeland First Haitian Baptist Church, Inc. and each member in good standing in such ecclesiastical body shall by virtue thereof be a member of this corporation. Membership shall be conditioned upon the acknowledge and acceptance of the beliefs and tenants of the South Florida Baptist Association as detailed in the published Manual of the parent denomination.

ARTICLE X

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a vote of Two-thirds(2/3rds) of the members present at an annual meeting or a special meeting called for such purpose provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall be given to the membership in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws and in accordance with any requirements of the South Florida Baptist Association as they are from time to time set forth in the official Manual of said Florida Baptist Convention by the authority of the General Assembly of the Church of Baptists. No amendment or provision shall be made in these Articles of Incorporation that shall allow or cause the property of the local church, as Incorporated to be diverted from the Lakeland First Haitian Baptist Church.

The undersigned incorporators of this Corporation have been executed these Articles of

Incorporation this 6th day of April month, 2009 year.

Signatures of Officers and Incorporators

President/Pastor: JOSEPH LONGUITS GUY VILSAINT

Secretary: Joseph Carreau

Treasurer: Jean Hyacinthe

Federal Employer Identification Number is 26-3880718

Form: ss-4

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations of section 607.325 Florida Statutes.

Joseph Longuits Guy Vilsaint (pastor's name), Registered Agent


STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Polk

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally Joseph Vilsaint (pastor's name).
Pastor and President of the corporation to me well Known to be one of the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged before me, according to the law, that he made and subscribed the same for the purposes therein mentioned and set forth.

In witness where of, I have here unto set my hand and seal this 21 day of March 2009

Notary, DMK County, State of Florida

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