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

**SUBJECT:** Manatee Gospel Family Church, 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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**FROM:** Rev. Achilles DeCarolis  
Name (Printed or typed)

941 Hubbel Road  
Address

Bradenton, FL 34208  
City, State & Zip

941-962-9596  
Daytime Telephone number

achillesd@tampabay.rr.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF** 09 SEP 18 PM 3:49

**MANATEE GOSPEL FAMILY CHURCH, INC.** SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this Corporation not-for-profit shall be MANATEE GOSPEL FAMILY CHURCH, INC.

**ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of the Corporation is located at 914 Hubbel Rd, Bradenton, Florida 34208.

**ARTICLE III: PURPOSES**

- A. To establish and maintain a place of worship of Almighty God, our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, through the Holy Spirit for Christian fellowship and edification.
- B. To conduct the work of evangelizing in obedience to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ found in Matthew 28:19, 20; and in harmony with the teaching and practice of His servants the Apostles found in Acts 8:4, 5:25, 35-40; 13:1-4; 16:6-10; Romans 15:18-21; 10:12-17; 2 Cor. 10:16.
- C. The general nature of the objects and purposes of this corporation shall be: to offer spiritual counseling and prayer ministry for persons who are seeking Christian wholeness through staff composed of professional and non-professional personnel who will endeavor to create an atmosphere of love through the use of spiritual, emotional, and recreational therapy in order to enable persons to live a more balanced life. The chief focus of this work is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, helping others attain a relationship with Him which would give them faith and hope for meeting the challenges of life.
- D. To raise and solicit such moneys, donations, gifts and properties as may be necessary to conduct the purposes and activities for which this organization is incorporated.
- E. To purchase, lease, hire or otherwise acquire real and personal property, improved and unimproved, or every kind and description, and to approve, sell, dispose of, lease, exchange, rent, convey and mortgage said property or any part thereof, but only insofar as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this organization.
- F. To solicit and receive contributions, grants, gifts, devises and transfers to real and personal property, either out-right or in trust, from whatever sources and whether unrestricted or for designated purposes, which contributions will be used to carry out the purposes referred to in A, B, and C above.

- G. To own and hold title to, invest and manage such real and personal property, tangible and intangible, as is contributed to the corporation and to distribute the principal and income for the purposes referred to above.
- H. To engage in any lawful activity within the State of Florida or elsewhere which enables the purposes set forth in the preceding paragraphs to be accomplished and is authorized by Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, the Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act.

#### **ARTICLE IV: PROHIBITED ACTS**

This Corporation shall operate exclusively for charitable, religious or educational purposes within the meaning of the 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In the course of which operation:

- A. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its individual members, directors, officers or other 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 herein.
- B. 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 any candidates for public office except as authorized under the Internal Revenue Code.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provisions 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 the 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under the 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- D. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization under Section 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now or here-after exist, specifically including, but not limited to, Regulation Section 509(a)(1).

#### **ARTICLE V: DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, then the Board of Directors, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, shall distribute, in any proportions considered prudent, all the assets of the Corporation to such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, religious, educational or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county to which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization

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#### **ARTICLE VI: MANNER OF ELECTION**

The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than five (5) Directors. All Directors of the Board shall be elected or appointed in the manner and for the terms prescribed in the By-Laws of the Corporation, and shall hold office until their perspective successors are duly elected and qualified.

The Board of Directors shall be elected at the Board's annual meeting. They shall be elected President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and such other officers as may, in the opinion of the Board, from time to time be necessary to adequately administer the affairs of the Corporation, such officers to hold office, at the pleasure of the Board or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Any individual may hold two or more corporate offices except that the offices of President and Secretary shall not be held by the same person.

The officers of the Corporation shall have such duties as may be specified by the Board or by the By-Laws of this Corporation. Compensation for any of such officers, if any, shall be fixed by the Board. Vacancies occurring on the Board or among the officers shall be filled in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws of this Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VII: INITIAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election or appointment under the Articles of Incorporation are the following:

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>OFFICE</u></b>
Rev. Achilles DeCarolus 914 Hubbel Rd. Bradenton, FL 34208	President
Mr. Michael Casey 1312 64 <sup>th</sup> Street N.W. Bradenton, FL 34209	Vice President
Rev. Mathilde DeCarolus 914 Hubbel Rd. Bradenton, FL 34208	Secretary, Treasurer
Rev. John Lopez 6107 Riverview Blvd. Bradenton, FL 34209	Director
Ms. Sandra Pecoraro 5104 43 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. E. Bradenton, FL 34208	Director

**ARTICLE VIII: BYLAWS**

The Bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the initial Board of Directors, as constituted under Article VII above, at the organizational meeting of the Board, and said By-Laws may thereafter be amended, by the affirmative vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the Board of Directors present and voting, at any meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose provided that such meeting shall be held after first giving thirty (30) days written notice mailed to each member of the Board of Directors at his or her last known address. Prior written notice may be waived by the members of the Board of Directors provided the waiver of notice is in writing.

**ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

These articles of Incorporation may be amended by the affirmative vote of three-fifths (3/5) of the Board of Directors of this Corporation, present and voting, at any meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose provided that such meeting shall be held after first giving thirty (30) days written notice mailed to each member of the Board of Director at his or her last known address. Prior written notice may be waived by the members of the Board of Directors provided the waiver of notice is in writing.

**ARTICLE X: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name of the initial registered agent of this Corporation is Mr. Michael Casey, 1312 Street N.W. Bradenton, FL 34209

**ARTICLE XI: INCORPORATOR**

The name of the Incorporator is Rev. Achilles DeCarolus, 914 Hubbel Rd. Bradenton, FL 34208.

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***Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.***

Michael G. Casey  
Signature/Registered Agent

MICHAEL G. CASEY  
Print Name

9/15/09  
Date

Rev. Achilles DeCarolus  
Signature/Incorporator

REV. ACHILLES DECAROLUS  
Print Name

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, the officers duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgements. Reverend Achilles DeCarolis and Michael Casey to me known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged before me that they executed in the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Bradenton, FL, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009



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State of Florida

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