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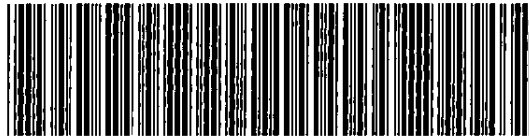
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SUBJECT: St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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FROM: Kenneth C. Holley
Name (Printed or typed)

749 S. E. 1st Street
Address

Belle Glade, Florida 33430
City, State & Zip

(863) 227-0101
Daytime Telephone number

kenneth_holley@Yahoo.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

March 12, 2010

KENNETH C HOLLEY
749 SE 1ST STREET
BELLE GLADE, FL 33430

SUBJECT: ST. MATTHEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.
Ref. Number: W10000012617

We have received your document for ST. MATTHEW MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity.

Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more major words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

Adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable.

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) 245-6931.

Becky McKnight
Regulatory Specialist II
New Filing Section

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St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church of LaBelle, Inc.

Articles of Incorporation

Article I. Name

The name of this corporation shall be St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church of LaBelle, Inc.

Article II. Principal Office

The principal place of business shall be 270 Manatee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida 33935. The mailing address shall be P. O. Box 2113, Labelle, Florida 33975.

Article III. Purpose

The purpose of the St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church of LaBelle is to provide to all that will come, an inclusive Christian fellowship that will effectively meet the needs of the total person. Further, the Church is charged with the presentation of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in a clear and contextual manner to all mankind. We shall accomplish the Great Commission of Christ by:

- Worshipping God in Spirit and truth
- Witnessing for the Lord through Evangelism
- Working for the Lord through Christian service

We shall carry out the work of the New Testament Church to the end that people might encounter the love of God in such a manner that it would cause providential purpose to be revealed, pertinent potential to be released and divine power received; changing the lives of people who will ultimately change the world.

Article IV. Membership

Membership in the St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church of LaBelle is open to all that believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ and has accepted Him as Lord and Savior. Membership is obtained by the following methods:

- Letter of Commendation – This commendation from another Church where the individual was previously a member.
- Christian Experience - An oral declaration by the applicant of his/her previous Christian Experience which should include church affiliation and Christian history.
- Candidate for Baptism – One who makes the profession of faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the acceptance of him as Lord and Savior and the willingness to obediently submit to Baptism.

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The administration of the "Right Hand of Fellowship" is the official acceptance of an individual as a member of this congregation.

Membership in the St. Matthew Missionary Baptist of LaBelle is terminated when one of the following occurs:

- Death or Relocation
- Voluntary Withdrawal
- Inactive in Church Fellowship for ninety (90) days without cause.
- The Church votes to withdraw the "Right hand of Fellowship" for conduct that is detrimental to the reputation of the Church.

Article V. Manner of Election

St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church of LaBelle is an ecclesiastical body that conforms to the congregational form of government; thus the power rest with the members. The members shall appoint (call) a Pastor based on a majority vote of the congregation. The Pastor is the general administrator and overseer of the church, but his acts are subject to the approval of the members.

While the Pastor serves at the pleasure of the members, *General Officers and Directors of the Church* shall be elected annually, during the month of October, as our ecclesiastical year is November to October.

Election of officers must be announced during the regular worship service the week prior to the election. Officers shall be nominated by a member and must receive a majority of the votes of the members present.

Newly elected officers shall assume their official duties on the first Sunday of November.

Article VI. Names, Addresses, and Title of Officers

Kenneth C. Holley, Chairman / Pastor
749 S. E. 1st Street
Belle Glade, FL. 33430

Aaron Gunsby, Vice Chairman
989 Edison Avenue
Labelle, Fl. 33935

Shelma Gaskins, Board Member
1091 Garden Street
LaBelle, FL. 33935

Archie Burnett, Jr., Board Member
1028 Hendrix Street NW
Moore Haven, FL. 33471

Jeannie Johnson, Clerk
385 Calhoun Street
LaBelle, FL. 33935

Martha Singleton, Board Member
810 W. Lincoln Avenue
LaBelle, FL. 33935

Willie E. Gurley, Board Member
4004 Rainbow Circle
LaBelle, FL. 33935

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Article VII. Registered Agent

Rev. Kenneth C. Holley
749 S. E. 1st Street
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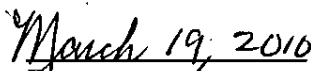
Article VIII. Incorporator

Kenneth C. Holley 749 S. E. 1st St., Belle Glade, FL. 33430

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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.



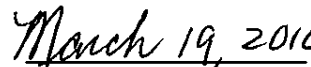
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Date



Signature/Incorporator



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