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SUBJECT: Equip	ping Center Interr (PROPOSED CORPORATI	national Churc Ename - <u>Must Incli</u>	N, INC. JDE SUFFIX)
Enclosed is an original a	and one (1) copy of the Artic	les of Incorporation and	d a check for:
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

drc@equippingcentralintl.org

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Of

#### Equipping Center International Church, Inc.

The undersigned incorporators, for the purposes of forming a corporation under the Florida Nonprofit Corporation Act, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE I

#### NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Equipping Center International Church, Inc.

The period of duration of this Corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation. The members shall recognize the Pastor(s) as the leader under Christ of the local body. The Church maintains its inherent rights to sovereignty in the conduct of church life in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, and voluntarily enters into a cooperative fellowship with the Body of Christ.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### PRINCIPLE OFFICE

The principle place office and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

4085 Lake Eleanor Dr. Mt. Dora, FL 32757

#### ARTICLE III

## **CORPORATE PURPOSES: POWERS**

- (1) The purpose for which the Corporation is organized and operated is exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, 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. Such purposes shall include the following:
- (a) Religious

- (b) To conduct a local Church by the direction of the Lord Jesus Christ and under the leadership of the Holy Spirit in accordance with all of the Commandments and provisions as set forth in the Holy Bible, the irrevocable Word of God. Pursuant thereto, the following activities and guidelines shall be established.
- i. A recognized creed, code of doctrine, discipline and form of worship shall be established.
- ii. An ecclesiastical form of government shall be established.
- ijii. Ordination of ministers upon completion of the prescribed course of study, designated by this Church Ministry.
- v. An organization of ministers shall be established to minister to the congregation of the Church.
- v. Establishment of a Church membership based upon acceptance of a recognized creed and belief and support of the Church.
- vi. Establishment of various religious services pursuant to the recognized creed, form of worship, code of doctrine and discipline of the Church literature, and other forms of mass media for the purpose of educating the individual in the Word of God.
- vii. Establishing a school for the preparation of ministers who minister to the Church.
- 📆 ) Minister the Word of God to the faithful.
- (d) Promote and encourage, through the ministry of the organization, cooperation with other organizations, ministering within the community.
- (e) To acquire and hold such property, either real or personal, for Church purposes, as may be necessary for its membership and the worship of God.
- (3) As a means of accomplishing the above purposes and methods, the Corporation shall have the following powers:
- (a) To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any of the purposes of the Corporation and its work.
- (b) To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credits.
- (c) to acquire, own, lease, mortgage and dispose of property both real and personal.
- (d) To conduct and carry on religious services and instruction through the public media, including electronic broadcasting, AM and FM radio, telecasting, microwave distribution, closed circuit transmission, and cable television.

- (e) To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.
- (f) To acquire, hold, own, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of shares of the capital stock, bonds, obligations or other securities of other corporations, domestic, or foreign, as investment or otherwise, in carrying out any of the purposes of the Corporation and, while the owner thereof, to exercise all rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the power to vote thereon.
- (2) The property of the Corporation is irrevocable dedicated to religious, educational and charitable purposes, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation/organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation/organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501 (c)(3) purposes.
- (a) No substantial part of the activities of the corporation/organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation/organization 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.
- (b) The Corporation shall not:
- (1) operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit;
- (2) accumulate income, invest income, or divert income, in a manner endangering its exempt status; or
- (3) except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

The powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of a Board of Trustees, which shall have four (4) trustees initially. The number of trustees may be increased or decreased from time to time by a majority vote of the trustees, but at no time shall there be fewer than three (3) trustees of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE V**

# **DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES**

The provisions of the Bylaws of the Corporation shall govern the manner in which the Directors of the Corporation shall be elected or appointed.

Names	Title	Street Address
Dr. Angelo R. Cruz	z' Sein- President	4085 Lake Eleanor Dr. Mt. Dora, FL 32757
Pastor Bertha Cru	z'Sein- Vice President	4085 Lake Eleanor Dr. Mt. Dora, FL 32757
Melvin McKee	- Trustee	7765 Lake Andrea Circle Mt. Dora, FL 32757
Evonne McKee	Sec/Treasurer	7765 Lake Andrea Circle Mt. Dora, FL 32757
Pinkey Blake	Trustee	318 S. Grove Street Eustis, FL 32726

#### **ARTICLE VI**

## **REGISTERED AGENT**

The street address and mailing address of the principal office and registered office of the Corporation is: 4085 Lake Eleanor Dr. Mt. Dora, FL 32757, and the name of registered agent at such address is Angelo R. Cruz'Sein II

## **ARTICLE VII**

#### **CORPORATE NATURE**

The Corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **MEMBERS**

This Corporation shall have members and they shall be admitted and qualified in accordance with the Bylaws adopted by the Board of Trustees.

# **ARTICLE IX**

#### **AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by a majority of the trustees in the manner set forth in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE X**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation/organization shall not carry on any other activities nor permitted to be carried on
- (1) by a corporation/organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the I.R.S. Code (or corresponding section of the any future Federal tax code) or
- (2) by a corporation/organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the I.R.S. Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.)
- (b) Upon dissolution of this corporation/organization assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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.

# **ARTICLE XI**

## **INCOPORATORS**

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Ar	ticles of Incorporation is:
In ND GIT	9/6/2011
Signature Incorporator	Date
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4085 Lake Eleanor Dr. Mt. Dora, FL 3275

Print Name Title

Having been named as registered agent to accept services 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 I this capacity.

AAR JLD 9/6/201

Signature/Registered Agent

Date