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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
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SUBJECT: **Casa Belen Ministry 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: **Carlos Javier Torres**  
Name (Printed or typed)  
**1770 Penzance Parkway**  
Address  
**Middleburg, Florida 32068**  
City, State & Zip  
**704-222-1230**  
Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF THE  
**Casa Belen Ministry Inc.**

We, the undersigned subscribers to these articles of incorporation, each a natural person competent to contract, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of consulting a Church, to operate in accordance with the laws of the Statues of the State of Florida relative to corporations not for profit; and we hereby covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this non-profit Church Corporation shall be  
**Casa Belen Ministry Inc.**

ARTICLE II: TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to

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ARTICLE III: PURPOSE

The objectives and purposes for which this Church is constituted and this corporation organized are:

1. To disseminate the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Word of God, to the end that people of God may be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.
2. To bring both families of believers and individual believers in the Lord Jesus Christ together in personal fellowship both in the home and in cell groups.
3. To regularly assemble together the members of this Church for fellowship one with another and to worship God in spirit and in truth; and to cooperate in the assembling of the whole body in Christ.
4. To provide New Testament discipleship in its fellowship and activities and in the move of the Holy Spirit.
5. To involve every member of this Church in its fellowship and activities and in the move of the Holy Spirit.
6. To solve family and marital problems so that the home life of each member is healthy and fruitful by Biblical standards.
7. To baptize in water; to anoint the sick with oil; to marry; to dedicate infants; to celebrate the Lord's Supper; and to bury.

8. To act with charitable concern for, and to help, not only all members of this Church, but also all men in need of any help which this Church can give, regardless of race, social position, or religious affiliation; to develop and carry out programs of social action for poor, widowed, orphaned, afflicted, imprisoned, underprivileged, or aged persons, both within and without this church.

To pray for the needs of all men and for local and national leaders and governments.

9. To support and encourage communication and extension of the Christian life and witness by sound and comprehensive preaching and teaching of the Holy Bible and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to all men, both within this fellowship and elsewhere, not only by conventional modes, but also by all means which will accomplish such communication, extension, teaching and preaching including but not limited to media of communication, extension, preaching and teaching, but not for private profit, to sponsor, participate in, conduct or engage in radio broadcasting, television broadcasting, the printing or reproducing and publication of recordings, books, and other materials, the establishment and operation of a school or schools, and the holding and conducting of seminars, study groups, workshops, and meetings, by either resident or traveling evangelists, teachers, or the elders; to receive offerings for such purposes; and to grant aid and pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered to persons, firms, and corporations for such purposes.
10. To recognize, support and corporate with the various ministries established by God to equip believers to fulfill their respective functions as members of the Body of Christ to maturity and completion.
11. To ordain ministers upon completion of a prescribed course of study, designated by this Church Ministry; to assist in the establishment and maintenance of other Churches; and to send forth missionaries for the establishment and upbuilding of other Churches, both domestic and foreign.

#### ARTICLE IV: POWERS

To the end that the foregoing objectives and purposes and any related religious and charitable purposes may be carried out, performed and accomplished, this Church corporation shall have the power to engage only in such activities as shall not constitute business unrelated to its religious, benevolent, charitable, literary and educational purposes. It shall engage only in such activities as are permitted to be carried on by corporations whose income is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c) (3), and contributions to which are deductible pursuant to Section 170 (c) (2), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code. Any provision elsewhere in these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary notwithstanding, this corporation shall not engage in, nor shall any of its assets be used or applied to, activities which constitute carrying on of propaganda, attempting to influence legislation, or participation in or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, nor shall any part of its net earnings or assets inure to the benefit of any private member, except for reasonable compensation for services actually rendered. Subject to the foregoing limitations, and subject specifically to provisions of Sections 617.0105 of the Florida Statutes, this Church Corporation shall have all of the rights and powers set forth in Section 617.021 of the Florida Statutes. The purposes set forth in Article III hereof shall likewise be construed as powers. Such powers shall specifically include, but not limited to, the following:

1. To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds.
2. To acquire, own, or lease mortgage and dispose of property both real and personal.
3. 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.
4. To acquire, own and operate such broadcasting and/ or telecasting facilities.
5. To issue annuities and to enter into gift-annuity contracts.
6. To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.
7. To acquire, hold, own, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of share of the capital, stock, bonds, obligations, or other securities of other corporations, domestic, or foreign, as investments 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.

#### ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

The corporation will have members without certificates or shares of stock. Members of the corporation shall be those persons who meet the requirements for membership as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation

#### ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The affairs of the Church, both spiritual and secular, shall be directed by a Board of Managers which shall be referred to as the Board of Trustees. The minimum number of Board of Trustees members may be increased in accordance with the needs of the Church as determined from time to time by the governing Board of Trustees. The Board Members themselves must be members of the Church.

The Board of Trustees may appoint a Council of Advisors, the number of which shall be determined by the Board of Trustees, which shall serve in the capacity of spiritual and secular advisors. Such Council of Advisors shall have powers only as determined by the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees shall appoint such Board members, in addition to any Council Members, as may be necessary to properly minister to the membership and carry out the purposes for which the Church is organized. Board and Council Members so appointed must possess all of the qualifications as set forth by the Board of Trustees; and once appointed shall serve so long as they remain members of this Church, unless removed as set forth hereinafter.

The initial governing Board of Trustees, as set forth in Articles IX hereof, shall be deemed to have been set in office as of the time these Articles are approved and filed by the Secretary of State of the State of Florida. Thereafter, in the event of a vacancy on the Board of Trustees, whether caused by registration, removal, death, or expansion of the Board, the ruling Board then serving shall suggest to the membership of the Church the name of a member deemed to be qualified to serve. If there be no unresolved objection

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on the part of the membership the member so suggested shall be set in office as a governing Board Member; but if there be an unresolved objection the governing Board Members shall suggest another name, and the process continues until the vacancy or vacancies shall have been filled.

The Board of Trustees will make every effort to act with unanimity; but in any event all actions of the Board shall be with the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the governing Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for the maintenance of scriptural discipline within the Church and its membership, as well as for the maintenance of membership standards. In the event the Board of Trustees, after due examination, should decide that a member no longer fulfills the requirements for membership, his membership shall be terminated, and he shall be appropriately notified. Similarly, if the Board of Trustees, after due examination, should determine that a ruling Board Member no longer fulfills the requirements for a Board Member, such Board Member shall be removed from his position as a ruling Board Member, but not necessarily from his membership in the Church, unless he shall also no longer fulfill the requirements for Church membership.

Any decision of the Board of Trustees shall be final and not subject to appeal to any higher court or other body.

#### ARTICLE VII: SUBSCRIBERS

The names and residences of each subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

Pastor/President - Carlos Javier Torres,	1770 Penzance Parkway Middleburg, Florida 32068
Vice President - Francisco Gonzalez Jr,	4314 University Drive, Charlotte NC 28209
Treasurer- Manuel Rafael Diaz,	1770 Penzance Parkway Middleburg, Florida 32068
Secretary – Pura Nodarse,	1770 Penzance Parkway Middleburg, Florida 32068
Member - Jessica Varela	9210 Pinaceal Court, Charlotte NC 28215

#### ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS

The affairs of this corporation shall be administered by its officers, which shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasure, all of whom shall be ruling Board of Trustees Members; and such other assistant or administrative officers as are determined by the Board of Trustees from time to time. The Board of Trustees shall appoint the officers and the officers shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees; provided however, that any person dealing with the corporation shall do so by its President or Vice President, Secretary with its corporate seal thereto affixed and attested by its Secretary.

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## ARTICLE IX: INITIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as the initial Board of Trustees and as the initial officers of the corporation are as follows:

Pastor/President - Carlos Javier Torres,	1770 Penzance Parkway Middleburg, Florida 32068
Vice President - Francisco Gonzalez Jr,	4314 University Drive, Charlotte NC 28209
Treasurer- Manuel Rafael Diaz,	1770 Penzance Parkway Middleburg, Florida 32068
Secretary – Pura Nodarse,	1770 Penzance Parkway Middleburg, Florida 32068
Member Director - Jessica Varela	9210 Pinaceal Court, Charlotte NC 28215

## ARTICLE X: BY LAWS

The Board of Trustees shall provide such by-laws for the conduct of its business of the Church as the Board may deem necessary from time to time. Such by-laws may be amended, altered, or rescinded by a majority vote of the Board Members present at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

## ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended at any special meeting of the Board of Trustees called for that purpose, or at any regular meeting of the Board of Trustees; provided, however, that notice of the fact that an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation is to be considered shall be given in writing to the governing Board of Trustees Members at least one week prior to the date of such meeting. Upon adoption by the Board of Trustees, and upon filing with Secretary of the State of Florida, the amendment shall become effective as to these Articles of Incorporation; provided, however, that no amendment to the Articles of Incorporation shall ever conflict with the purposes of this Church as set forth in Articles III and IV hereof.

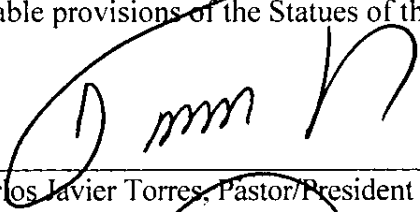
## ARTICLE XII: DISSOLUTION

This corporation may be dissolved only pursuant to the agreement of two-thirds (2/3) of the full Board of Trustees. In the event of such dissolution, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such manner, or to such exempt organization or organizations within the meaning of Section (501c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of Duval County, Florida, if the principal office of the corporation, or by the organization or organizations, as the said Court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

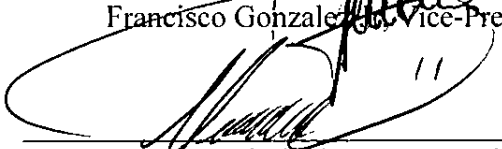
ARTICLE XIII: REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

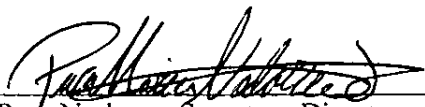
The location of the registered office of this corporation shall be at 1770 Penzance Parkway Middleburg, Florida 32068, or at such other location as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Trustees. The registered agent shall be Carlos Javier Torres.

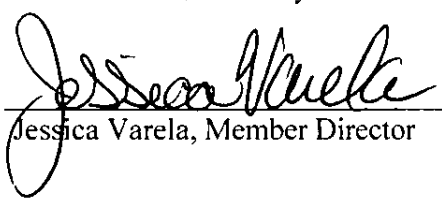
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the undersigned subscribers have hereto set our hand and seals this 09 day of November, 2012, for the purpose of constituting of the Church to operate in a corporate non-profit form pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Statutes of the State of Florida.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Carlos Javier Torres, Pastor/President Director

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Francisco Gonzalez, Vice-President Director

  
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Manuel Rafael Diaz, Treasurer Director

  
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Pura Nodarse, Secretary Director

  
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Jessica Varela, Member Director

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CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF  
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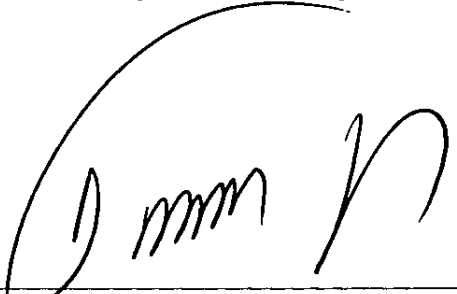
In compliance with Section 48.091 and in pursuance of 617.233, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:



Casa Belen Ministry, Inc. desiring to organize a corporation not for profit under laws of the State of Florida with its principal place of business at 1770 Penzance Parkway Middleburg, Florida 32068, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, has named Carlos Javier Torres, located 1770 Penzance Parkway Middleburg, Florida 32068, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

Second- Acknowledge of Resident Agent

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Carlos Javier Torres, Resident Agent

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