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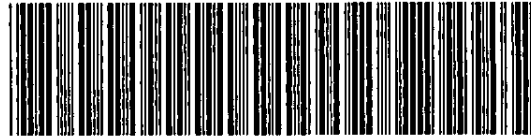
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
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Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, 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  
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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: ELIJAHU REEVES  
Name (Printed or typed)

5305 OAKWAY DR  
Address

LAKELAND, FL 33805  
City, State & Zip

863-738-0775  
Daytime Telephone number

BROTHERELIJAH@GENCOUNCIL.ORG  
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 -**

We, the undersigned, acknowledge and file in the Office of the Secretary of the State of Florida, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit, in accordance with the Laws of the State of Florida, these Articles of Incorporation, as provided by law, to wit:

### **ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be “THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, INC.”.

### **ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in Polk County at 5305 Oakway Dr., Lakeland, FL, 33801.

### **ARTICLE III – PURPOSE**

**Purposes.** Said corporation is organized exclusively for the following purposes: establish a religious body for the purposes of teaching/training, outreach, and other religious activities, and charitable 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.

### **ARTICLE IV – POWERS AND DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME (INCLUDING COMPENSATION)**

**Powers.** (1) To accomplish the foregoing purposes the Corporation shall have all corporate powers permitted under the Laws of the State of Florida, including the legal capacity – as an independent entity – to enter into contracts and to prosecute and defend against actions at law and in equity.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision 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 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**Limited powers – Prohibited activities.** The Corporation is specifically precluded from engaging in any prohibited activities, as defined in Section 617.0105 of the Florida Statutes.

**Limited powers – Compensation.** (1) No part of the earnings or contributions for the corporation shall be for the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private 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 in Article II hereof.

- (2) A record in writing will be made of the decision made by each individual who decides or votes on compensation agreements.
- (3) Compensation differences between the financial compensation of the top (highest) paid fulltime person and the lowest paid fulltime person shall not be more than 30%.
- (4) Compensation will be limited by no more than two and one-half times the most current HHS Poverty Guidelines, not to include housing and vehicle allowances.

**Limited powers – Politics.** 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

**Limited powers – Authority.** The leadership of the Corporation, including its members and board members, shall be subject to and answerable to the authority and oversight of the board of directors of the 501 (c)(3) corporation, "The General Council of the Churches of the Living God, Inc." This authority and oversight powers shall be developed in the by-laws as the occasion arises. Assets shall be kept separate and independent from the 501 (c)(3) corporation, "The General Council of the Churches of the Living God, Inc." except where the asset is used by both corporations.

## **ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP / BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The voting members of the corporation shall be the formally recognized members that have been chosen according to the Corporation's by-laws. The directors shall be nominated by the members yearly by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm, and shall be voted on by the recognized members by January 15<sup>th</sup>. This process shall stay in effect until the corporate by-laws changes the process.

## **ARTICLE VI – DURATION AND DISSOLUTION**

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless and until dissolved in accordance with the law. In the event of dissolution of this Corporation, no part of the corporate assets shall inure to the benefit of any Subscriber, Director, Officer, or Member of the Corporation, but shall instead be distributed to "The General Council of the Churches of the Living God, Inc." If "The General Council of the Churches of the Living God, Inc." has been dissolved or is no longer a charitable organizations or non-profit organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Code (Internal Revenue Sub-Code), then the corporate assets shall be distributed to such charitable organization or organizations as may be selected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation duly serving at the time of dissolution, which organization or organizations must qualify as charitable organizations or non-profit organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Code ( Internal Revenue Sub-Code), as defined at the time of dissolution of this Corporation, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; it shall not be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations that have in their stated beliefs, the belief in the one true God the

Father and the Anointed One, Jesus Christ, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE VII – INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial registered office and agent shall be:

Eliyahu Reeves, 5305 Oakway Dr., Lakeland, FL 33805.

#### ARTICLE VIII – INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND INCORPORATORS

The initial board of directors shall be:

(D) Eliyahu Reeves, 5305 Oakway Dr., Lakeland, FL 33805

(D) Tommy Cook, 1165 Union St, Clearwater, FL 33755

(D) Lisa M Mebs, 8409 Pinecone Dr., Lakeland, FL 33809

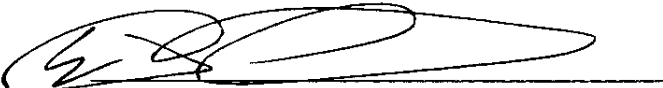
*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.*



Required Signature of Registered Agent

3/3/2013  
Date

*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.*



Required Signature of Incorporator

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