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#### **COVER LETTER**

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

SUBJECT:	SIECT: Northside Community Missionary Baptist Church of Lakeland, Florida Ind						
	(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – <u>MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX</u> )						
Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for:							
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•	70.00	\$78.75	\$78.75	\$87.50			
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Eric C. White

Name (Printed or typed)

634 W. Crawford St.

Address

Lakeland, Florida 33805

City, State & Zip

863-712-1510

Daytime Telephone number

ecwhite1934@gmail.com

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

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

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION NONPROFIT CORPORATION

SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPURATIONS

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Pursuant to Chapter 617 Florida Statutes of the laws of Floirda, the undersigned majority of whom are citizens of the United States, do hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation.

## ARTICLE 1 Name

The name of the corporation is:

Northside Community Missionary Baptist Church of Lakeland, Florida Inc.

## ARTICLE 2 Principal Address

The corporation has a principal office. The street address of the principal office is in: Polk County

Principal street address: 1603 Washington Ave. Lakeland, Fl 33805

Mailing address, if different is: P.O. Box 637 Lakeland, FL 33802

## ARTICLE 3 Purpose

The purpose of the corporation 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 and herein stated as follows:

The character and essence of the corporation is the same as the purpose. Furthermore, the general nature of the object of this corporation is to conduct for religious worship and instructional churches, schools, pastorals, and other institutions connected therewith of a religious, educational, charitable, and benevolent character to the end that the corporation shall carry out the great commission of our Lord, Jesus Christ, as it is recorded in Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15 Acts 1:8 and to develop Christian Fellowship and growth in the knowledge of our lord, Jesus Christ among the saints.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

#### Manner of Election

The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed: The business affairs of this Church shall be managed by a board of directors such management to be subject to the approval of the church composed of not less than three and said board of directors shall be elected from and by the membership of said church. By virtue of his office, the pastor and every succeeding pastor shall be President In addition, the membership of said church shall elect the following officers: Vice-president, secretary and treasurer, who shall be members of the board of directors. All legal instruments of the corporation (church) shall be signed by the president or vice-president sealed with the corporate seal and attested by the secretary or in such manner as may be authorized by

the By-Laws of the corporation. The terms of the board of directors and of the officer shall be as provided by the By-Laws of the corporation (church).

#### **ARTICLE 5**

#### INITIAL OFFICERS AND /OR DIRECTORS

The corporation's initial directors are as follows:

Name and Title: Eric C. White - Pres./Dir

Address: 634

634 W. Crawford St.

Lakeland Florida 33805

Name and Title: Raymond J. Robinson Tres./Dir

Address:

1205 Alameda So.

Lakeland, Florida 33805

Name and Title: Jessie. Robinson Sec./Dir

Address:

1205 Alameda So.

Lakeland Florida 33805

#### ARTICLE 6

The effective date of incorporation shall be: upon filing by the Secretary of State.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

Type of non-profit corporation

The corporation is not for profit **Religious (Church)** 

## ARTICLE 8 Members

Every person who believes in repentance toward God, and faith in Jesus Christ, as Savior and Lord and who is willing to confess him publicly as Lord and King to follow him in baptism by immersion and to observe the ordinances of Christ and to be governed by his laws is qualified and eligible for membership in said corporation. The manner of admission in said corporation shall be by letter of recommendation from other churches of like faith and order, and by profession faith as hereinbefore provided and for baptism according to the polices of said corporation, upon a favorable majority vote of the membership of said corporation present at any meeting of said church. The present and future members the church body of the Northside Community Missionary Baptist Church of Lakeland, Florida Inc shall constitute membership of this corporation.

## ARTICLE 9 Indemnification

The corporation does indemnify any directors, officers, employees, incorporators, and members of the corporation from any liability regarding the corporation and the affairs of the corporation, unless the person fraudulently and intentionally violated the law and/or maliciously conducted acts to damage and/or defraud the corporation, or as otherwise provided under applicable statute.

ARTICLE 10
Existence

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

## ARTICLE 11 Prohibited Activities

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to 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 3. 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

#### **ARTICLE 12**

#### **Distributions Upon Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the legal liabilities of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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. 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, as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes "unless" in the event the church ceases to exist any remaining assets shall be conveyed to a similar non-profit organization qualifying for tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or as they may hereafter be amended. Note: A church may wish to specify a preference regarding which entity would receive the assets of the church in the event of dissolution.

## ARTICLE 13 Registered Agent and Office

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

634 West Crawford St. Lakeland, Florida 33805

The name of the initial registered agent is: Eric C. White

#### ARTICLE 14

Incorporator

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.

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

FILLED SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPURATIONS

Eric C. White 634 W. Crawford St. Lakeland Florida 33805

Required Signature of Incorporator Date

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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.

Required Signature of Registered Agent Date