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SUBJECT: Glorious Church of God In Christ, 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: Lucille M. Espey-Francis  
Attorney At Law  
355 West Alfred St. (Signature or typed)  
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City, State & Zip

(352) 343-1696  
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francisco@embargo@mail.com

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

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

## ARTICLE I

### NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation shall be **Glorious Church of God In Christ, Inc.**  
(hereinafter, "the corporation" or "the church")

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## ARTICLE II

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation are 20714 Center St., Lacoochee, Florida 33537 and P.O. Box 1036, Lacoochee, Florida 33537.

## ARTICLE III

The specific purpose(s) for which the corporation is organized is (are): said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall be 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 [these articles]. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distributions of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall carry on no 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 of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any further United States Internal Revenue Law); or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision for any further United States Internal Revenue Law). The main purpose of the corporation is to be a Christian Fellowship where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is preached and taught, and the ordinances of the Christian Church are properly and regularly administered. Further, the corporation through its ministers and lay-members shall endeavor to provide a Christian witness in the community through its threefold ministry namely:

1. Preaching and Healing ministry to be obtained through the conducting of public worship and personal evangelism.
2. Teaching ministry to be attained primarily through the religious education activities of the Church of God In Christ, Inc. such as Sunday School, Bible Band, Young People Willing Workers (Y.P.W.W.), New Member Orientation, etc.
3. Ministry of Social Service whereby the gospel and faith are applied in daily life. This will include home and foreign mission in areas of human need, outreach, benevolence, and addressing problems of human suffering and neglect.

One purpose which is specifically excluded from the purposes of this corporation is in relation to the sanctification of unions of individuals who are of the same sex or gender. No pastor of Glorious Church of God In Christ, Inc. is authorized, empowered, or permitted to conduct a ceremony in the name of this corporation to unite in marriage individuals who are of the same sex or gender.

## ARTICLE IV

### MEMBERSHIP: NO STOCK

#### Section 4.1 Qualification for Membership

Any person who believes that Jesus Christ is Lord and is willing to accept the Holy Bible as the unadulterated word of God and willing to abide by the scriptural teaching and doctrine of the Church of God In Christ, Inc. shall be eligible for membership in **Glorious Church of God In Christ, Inc.** There shall be no stock or shareholders, but members.

#### Section 4.2 Application and Methods of Obtaining Membership

Means of obtaining membership in the corporation shall be made by one of the following methods:

- A) By conversion or the experience of new "Spiritual Birth" according to Romans 10:9, II Corinthian 5:17, and Acts 2:38.
- B) By a letter of transfer from another Christian Church.
- C) By personal testimony of the Christian experience.

#### Section 3.3 Types of Membership

Membership shall not be determined by the payment of dues or assessments. However, all members are urged to support the church through the payment of tithes (one-tenth of earnings) and free will offerings.

#### Section 4.3 Dismissal of Members

A person may be dismissed, or expelled, from membership by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the corporation for open denial of the faith and/or for morally reproachful conduct after all reasonable efforts by the Board of Directors to effect reconciliation have failed. He/she may also be considered inactive when he or she has failed to attend or support church activities for a period of one year without good cause.

## ARTICLE V

### DIRECTORS

#### Section 5.1 Pastor

The Pastor shall be the spiritual leader, President of the Board of Directors, and Chief Executive Officer of the corporation. He shall have final authority in deciding all matters pertaining to the church spiritual and business affairs. All decisions of the Directors, Department of Heads, Committee Chairman, and other officers shall be subject to the Pastor's authority except real estate transactions. Neither the Pastor nor the Board of Directors nor any lay officers may purchase or sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of real property without a majority vote of approval of the action by the membership.

#### Section 5.2 Lay Officers

The lay officers shall consist of Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer (which may also be titled as the Business Manager).

#### Section 5.3 Manner of Election

The manner in which the directors are selected shall be set forth in the bylaws.

Within thirty days of incorporation the Board of Directors shall be selected.

The corporation shall indemnify its directors, officers, employees, and agents to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### Section 5.4 Vacancies

Vacancies in offices, however occasioned, may be filled at any time by election by the Board of Directors for the unexpired terms or by appointment of the Pastor.

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## ARTICLE VI

Until the Board of Directors selected pursuant to Article V, the initial Directors shall be:

1) Philip Williams, Pastor  
Name and Title

7407 Parkersburg Dr.  
Address

Wesley Chapel, FL 33545

2) To Be Determined  
Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

3) To Be Determined  
Name and Title

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## ARTICLE VII

### REGISTERED AGENT

The Initial Registered Agent is Lucille M. Espey-Francis, Attorney at Law and the street address for the Initial Registered Agent is 355 W. Alfred St., Tavares, Florida 32778.

## ARTICLE VIII

### MEETINGS

Regular business meetings of the Church shall be held quarterly each year, with the annual meeting to be held each January. One-third (1/3) of the total membership shall constitute

a quorum, and a majority vote of the present quorum shall constitute as the action of the Church. Notice of business meetings shall be according to the bylaws. Each member is entitled to one vote. Action may be taken without a meeting without prior notice and without a vote if and only if signed written consents are obtained from two-thirds (2/3) of the members.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

##### **COMMITTEES**

Committees of the corporation shall be appointed by the Pastor as deemed necessary to assist in the support of the church, and in the carrying out of the great commission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

#### **ARTICLE X**

##### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is Elder Philip Williams 7407 Parkersburg Dr., Wesley Chapel, Florida 33545.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

The Articles may be amended at the annual meeting after due notice, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership.



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.

Lucinda M. Emery-Francis  
Required Signature of Registered Agent

8/20/13

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 proved for in s.817.155, F.S.

[Signature]  
Required Signature of Incorporator

8/13/13  
Date

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Articles of the Glorious Church of God In Christ, Inc., a non-profit Florida Corporation, as in effect at the date hereof.

[Signature]  
Incorporator

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COUNTY OF Pasco

Sworn to or affirmed and signed before me on August 13, 2013, by Philip Williams, (Incorporator) who is personally known to me or produced Florida Drivers License as identification.



KIM A. WELCOME  
MY COMMISSION # FF 038947  
EXPIRES: August 2, 2017  
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

Kim A. Welcome  
NOTARY PUBLIC

August 2, 2017  
My Commission Expires: