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April 30, 2014

ARDIS W. JACKSON 14742 S.W. 175TH COURT INDIANTOWN, FL 34956

SUBJECT: SEBRING DISTRICT, EASTERN FLORIDA JURISDICTION,

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

Ref. Number: W14000027126

We have received your document for SEBRING DISTRICT, EASTERN FLORIDA JURISDICTION, CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Please complete the Principal Street Address to include the ZIPCODE.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Thomas Chang Regulatory Specialist II New Filing Section

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Per your instructions please find enclosed corrected original and copy of Articles.
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#### **COVER LETTER**

Department of State Division of Corporations P. 0. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: SEBRING DISTRICT, EASTERN FLORIDA JURISDICTION, 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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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: ARDIS W. JACKSON

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Name (Printed or typed)

14742 SW 175TH COURT

INDIANTOWN, FL 34956

City, State & Zip

(772) 260-6822

Daytime Telephone number

ardiswjackson@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

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# SEBRING DISTRICIT, EASTERN FLORIDA JURISDICTION, CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

(A Corporation Not For Profit)

We, the undersigned, being desirous of forming a corporation for charitable and philanthropic purposes, under the provisions of chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

## ARTICLE I NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of this corporation is SEBRING DISTRICT, EASTERN FLORIDA JURISDICTION, CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST, INC.

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of this corporation shall be located at 1320 Carolina Avenue, Avon Park, Florida 33825. Its mailing address shall be Post Office Box 568, Avon Park, Florida 33826.

## ARTICLE III DURATION

The term of existence of this corporation is perpetual.

#### ARTICLE IV GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

Section 1. The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively for charitable, religious and education purposes relating to the evangelical advancement of the principles, teachings, and doctrines of Christianity and for any other related or corresponding charitable purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes.

Section 2. To operate exclusively in any other manner for such religious, charitable and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including private foundations and private operating foundations.

Section 3. 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 Section 1 of this Article.

Section 4. 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.

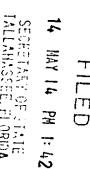
Section 5. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

- (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.

Section 6. 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 V BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- Section 1. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors consisting of a superintendent and the pastors under the supervision of said superintendent. The number of Board of Directors of this corporation shall not be less than four (4). The initial number of Board of Directors of this corporation shall be seven (7), provided however, such number may be changed by the addition or removal of pastors from the supervision of the superintendent.
- Section 2. The officers of this corporation shall be a Superintendent, a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer.
- Section 3. The Superintendent of the corporation shall be appointed by the Prelate of the Eastern Florida Jurisdiction of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. and shall continue in office until a successor is appointed and installed to the office.
- Section 4. The Superintendent shall appoint from among the pastors under their supervision a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. A pastor appointed to an office shall continue in that office until a successor is appointed and installed to the office.
- Section 5. The Superintendent, at their discretion, may assign other offices and positions to members of the board.



Section 6. The names, offices, and addresses of the initial Board of Directors and Officers of this corporation are as follows:

NAME Johnnie B. McRae	OFFICE Superintendent	ADDRESS 203 Geese Street Avon Park, FL 33825
Gerald M. Ifill	Chairman	PO Box 252 Clewiston, Fl., 33440
Rosa Felton	Secretary	151 North Polk Avenue Arcadia, FL 34266
Ardis W. Jackson	Treasurer	14742 SW 175 <sup>th</sup> Court Indiantown, FL 34956
Albert Byrd	Director	1104 Mississippi Avenue
Spencer Sanders	Director	633 Glenmar Circle Sebring, FL 33876
Curtis McCarter	Director	2510 Davis Street Ft. Myers, FL 33916

#### ARTICLE VI EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 IV hereof.

Section 2. 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 any candidate for public office.

Section 3. 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 of (or the corresponding provision of any future 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 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Section 4. 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 VII DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious, educational, charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

## ARTICLE VIII DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE IX CORPORATION BY-LAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the By-Laws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit Law of the State of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, By-Laws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new By-Laws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Directors, or by following the procedure set forth therefore in the By-Laws.

### ARTICLE X AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of members for their vote in the manner set forth in the By-Laws of this corporation.

## ARTICLE XI REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The address of the corporation's registered office shall be 203 Geese Street, Avon Park, Florida33825 and the name of its registered agent at said address shall be JOHNNIE B. MCRAE

## ARTICLE XII INCORPORATORS AND SUBSCRIBERS

Section 6. The names and addresses of the Incorporators of this corporation are as follows:

NAME Johnnie B. McRae	OFFICE Superintendent	ADDRESS 203 Geese Street Avon Park, FL 33825
Gerald M. Ifill	Chairman	PO Box 252 Clewiston, FL 33440
Rosa Felton	Secretary	151 North Polk Avenue Arcadia, FL 34266
Ardis W. Jackson	Treasurer	14742 SW 175 <sup>th</sup> Court Indiantown, FL 34956
Albert Byrd	Director	1104 Mississippi Avenue Ft. Pierce, FL 34950
Spencer Sanders	Director	633 Glenmar Circle Sebring, FL. 33876
Curtis McCarter	Director	2510 Davis Street Ft. Myers, FL 33916

We, the undersigned, being the Incorporators and Subscribers of this corporation, for the						
purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, ha	ave exe	cated	l			
these Articles of Incorporation, this 18th day of April , 2014.	世界	=				
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Johnie B. McRae
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Ardis W. Jackson Treasurer

Albert Byrd Director

Spencer Sanders Director

Curtis McCarter

Director

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

Johnnie B. McRae Registered Agent

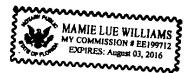
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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MARTIN

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared, JOHNNIE B. MCRAE, GERALD B. IFILL, ROSA FELTON, ARDIS W. JACKSON, ALBERT BYRD, SPENCER SANDERS, and CURTIS McCARTER to me known to be the persons who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and they acknowledged to and before me that they executed such instrument.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



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